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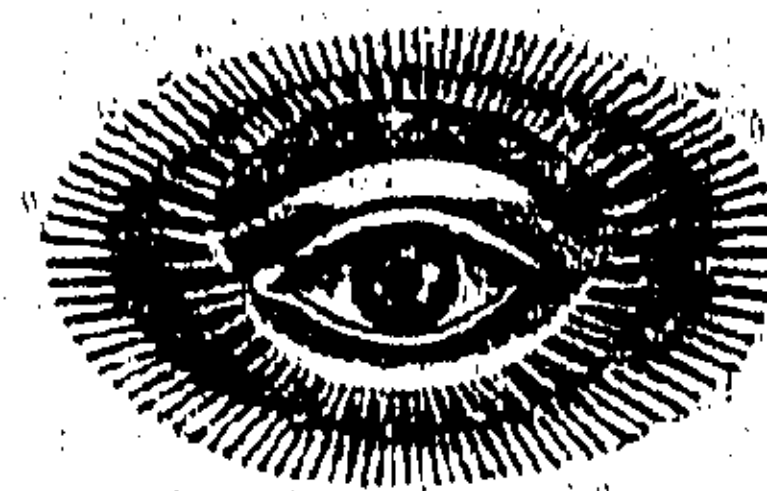
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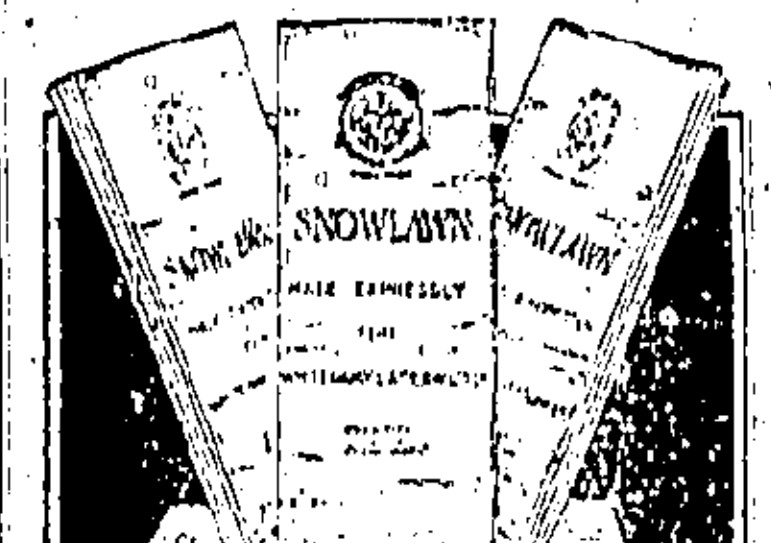


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ANGRY PROTEST.

Soviet Worried About Mrs. Borodin.

ICHANG TENSION LESSENS.

Britain Preparing to Hand Back Tientsin Concession.

According to a Russian agency, the Soviet Embassy has sent an angry protest to Peking against the seizing of the Soviet steamer with Mrs. Borodin aboard, demanding the immediate release of the vessel and its passengers, and reserving the right to claim damages for all losses sustained.

Other important features of to-day's news concerning China are British naval wireless messages, stating that the situation at Ichang appears to be easier, and a Reuter cable from Peking reporting that the British are preparing to hand back their Concession at Tientsin.

"UNHEARD OF INCIDENT."

Soviet Protest Against Ship's Seizure.

Peking, March 7.

The Tass Agency states that the Soviet Embassy sent a Note to the Foreign Office (Waichiao-pu) on March 15 drawing attention to an "unheard of incident," namely that Russian White Guards in Marshal Chang Tsung-

due ceremony and the Chinese authorities attended a reception at the Consulate to mark the occasion.

Offices at Kiukiang will be reopened ashore to-day.

Firing on the Gap at Tatung (not far from Kiukiang) has ceased.

General Tan Yen-kia has left Kiukiang for Hankow.

Anti-British Processions.

Anti-British demonstrations and a procession at Chungking passed off without incident. The foreign quarters are quiet.

Anti-British and anti-Fengtian demonstrations at Changsha (chiefly anti-Fengtian) took place over the week-end without incident.

The "general" atmosphere at Hankow is quiet.

Meetings of the military section of the Nationalists have been arranged for this week.

Steamer in Trouble.

The s.s. "Kutwo" remains at Wuhu pending the result of negotiations for her departure (the "Kutwo" came into collision with a military launch, the latter being sunk).

Six thousand Southern troops have arrived at Wuhu and a procession of welcome took place.

The procession boarded a British hulk but left without trouble.

The "usual" anti-foreign placards and meetings are much in evidence.

Shantung reinforcements continue to arrive at Nanking from Pukow and cross the river.

SHANGHAI'S DEFENCE.

Question in the House of Commons.

London, March 7.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. O. Mosley (Labour), Mr. G. Lockyer-Lampson, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, emphasised that there were no Chinese armed forces whatsoever within the International Settlement at Shanghai.

Foreign governments could not prevent anyone from entering the Chinese city. Miss Susan Lawrence (Labour) asked where there any Chinese troops within the British lines.

Mr. Lockyer-Lampson replied that there were no Chinese troops within the British lines.

Replying to Capt. G. M. Garro Jones (Labour), Mr. Lampson said that the British military commander at Shanghai had been instructed to co-operate with the commanders of the troops of foreign Powers landed for the defence of the International Settlement.

Neither he nor any military officer was empowered to treat with the Cantonese forces.

Capt. Garro Jones asked what he intended to empower the local commander to treat with the Cantonese forces if they established contact.

Mr. Lockyer-Lampson replied that this was subjected to further question.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI HISTORY.

Foreign Under Secretary's Statement.

London, March 7.

In the House of Commons, in answer to questions, Mr. G. Lockyer-Lampson, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, outlined the history of the International Settlement at Shanghai.

He stated that negotiations were at present in progress for the addition of Chinese members to the Municipal Council.

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DUE THIS WEEK.

Cruiser and Aircraft Carrier.

BREAD FOR THE TROOPS.

With the whole of the Shanghai Defence Force in Far Eastern waters or ashore, there remain few troop movements to record other than the scheduled arrival of the Suffolk from Shanghai on Thursday and the disposition of troops disembarking or disembarking in Hong Kong.

Additions to the naval force in China will be complete by the end of the week when H.M.S. "Dauntless" is due to arrive from the Suffolk from Shanghai on Thursday and the disposition of troops disembarking or disembarking in Hong Kong.

The "Dauntless" was delayed at Malta on account of repair work.

H.M.S. "Argus" when at Malta embarked Flight No. 441 (Fleet Reconnaissance) for China.

This morning, the last Devonshire disembarked from the s.s. "Kildonan Castle" and proceeded to Fanning.

The Cameronians will disembark from the s.s. "Hermes" tomorrow or Thursday and proceed to San Wei (near Fanning) where accommodation has been arranged.

At the same time the Pack Battery will proceed to Kwanli.

The 1st Borderers will also proceed to camp on the 11th or 12th inst.

Bread For Forces.

In connection with the catering for the troops in Hong Kong, it is learned that, in addition to the Navy contract for 1927 for supplying bread, Lane Crawford's tender for supplying bread to the troops in Hong Kong and the New Territories has been accepted.

The new Bakery and latest machinery not only enables them to cope with the additional troops and increased naval forces but, if necessary, to supply some 10,000 in addition to the civil populace.

JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE.

Eleven Killed And Many Injured.

AMERICAN TOURIST'S DEATH.

Tokyo, March 7.

Nagoya, Kyoto, Osaka and Kobe felt a severe earthquake at 6.28 this evening of three minutes' duration and horizontal movement.

The seismic centre is reported to be Tajima where the earthquake was very severe. The precise extent of the damage is not known, but apparently it is serious.

The shock in the Kyoto and Osaka district resulted in stoppage of the electric supply and people ran into the streets.

Tokyo and Yokohama were not affected.—Reuter.

Tourist Killed.

Reports from Kobe state that several American tourists were injured and one was killed through falling from a gang plank when boarding a steamer during the earthquake.

A message from Osaka says that the police have announced that there are eleven dead and 92 injured within the prefecture.

Most of the countrymen remained outdoors all night. Frequent shocks were felt.—Reuter.

SMALLPOX OUTBREAK.

Fifteen Cases in a Week.

The return of notifiable diseases for the week ended March 5 gives the following information:—

Cases. Deaths.

Small-pox 15 12

Diphtheria 1 1

Enteric fever 6 1

The small-pox cases included three Indians (imported) and 13 Chinese (two imported).

The case of diphtheria was Chinese.

Of the five cases of enteric fever two were British and four Chinese.

Yesterday's Return.

The following cases were reported yesterday:—

Small-pox 3 (all Chinese).

Diphtheria 1 (British).

Enteric fever 1 (Chinese).

BRITISH ARMY.

The Troops Sent to China.

ESTIMATES BEFORE HOUSE.

Rugby, March 7.

Introducing the Army Estimates, Sir Lamington Worthington Evans, Minister for War, said that although a larger number of men were asked for than last year the fact is that the Estimates provided for a reduction of about 4,000 men in the regular Army.

The figures of the Estimates showed an increase of 7,100 men, but this was largely accounted for by the despatch to the Shanghai Defence Force, and also by the transfer to the Imperial Government of the garrison at Aden, which was last year provided by India.

Actually a reduction of 14,000 of the regular Army was effected by the reduction of 47 officers and 1,294 of other ranks due to the re-organisation of the cavalry, 18 officers and 861 men in the Royal Artillery, also chiefly due to re-organisation, and certain minor trimmings of the establishment of Corps of Signals.

The total net cash for which he asked was £41,665,000 which was £935,000 less than last year.

During the last six years there had been a continuous and heavy fall in the Army Estimates although the rate of fall was naturally decreased.

Turning to larger aspects of the Estimates, Sir Lamington Worthington Evans said that he had to provide for an expanding programme of mechanisation upon which more money was being spent in subsequent years.

Unless, therefore, the Estimates were to be increased, he had to find new money by reduction of present expenditure.

He hoped to obtain from the reduction of the cavalry this year £293,000 rising to £237,000 in the year when the full effects of the reduction was realised, and he hoped, to secure £64,000 this year, from the abolition of bounties for new entrants to the Territorial Army rising to £332,000 in a few years time.—British Wireless Service.

LOOKING AHEAD.

When Everything Is On Wheels.

London, March 7.

The mechanised army of the future was visualised by Sir Lamington Worthington Evans introducing the Army Estimates in the House of Commons.

He claimed that although financial necessities compelled a reduction in personnel and expenditure, they were constantly endeavouring to increase efficiency by improved mobility and greater fire power.

Dealing with the reduction in cavalry at home by 1,300 men, saving £93,000 this year and £237,000 in a full year, Sir Lamington Worthington Evans said that the savings would be used to modernise and improve the fighting value of the cavalry by providing mechanical vehicles for first-line transport and eight machine guns instead of four per cavalry regiment to be carried by mechanical vehicles instead of pack horses.

He estimated that £238,000 would be spent next year on new mechanical vehicles and £125,000 on research, which was very small in view of the problem of the petrol-driven army of the future.

He anticipated that where in the past cavalry had scouted twenty miles ahead, army armoured cars would move over hundred of miles, while armoured cars, and mechanised machine gun units would be able to circle round an enemy, and strike impervious to bullets would be able to hit and smash far more effectively than the existing arms.

The artillery must also be mechanised in order to enable it to follow up the petrol-driven weapons over all sorts of country.

An experimental mechanised force was being formed at Tidworth in order to gain practical experience of the effect of mechanisation on tactics.—Reuter.

Later.

The House of Commons votes fixing the Army strength to 158,000, including India and the pay of the Army were agreed to, without division.—Reuter.

Russia's Huge Army.

London, March 7.

In the House of Commons, in the course of the debate on the Army Estimates, Mr. Arthur Greenwood (Labour) moved that in the interests of peace and economy and in order to inspire national confidence and security other than by large standing armies, Britain should in the preparatory commission for the Geneva disarmament conference initiate proposals for international agreement for the reduction of land forces.

Capt. H. Douglas King, Financial Secretary of the War Office, replying, agreed that reduction of land forces was only possible by international agreement, including all the nations not represented at the Geneva conference, for instance, Russia with a standing army of 850,000 and an organised subsidiary force of nearly 9,000,000.

Mr. Greenwood's motion was rejected by 223 to 108 votes.—Reuter.

SENT TO JAIL.

Charges Against Trevor Proved.

THEFTS FROM HOTEL.

Ernest Trevor was this morning convicted by Major Willson on two charges of larceny from guests of the Glenelg Hotel, and a third charge of possession of a pistol without a permit.

He pleaded "not guilty" to the larceny charges, and admitted possession of the pistol without a permit, but said he did not carry the weapon with any felonious intent.

Mr. L. E. Haynes, a resident of the hotel, said accused had often visited him there and on previous occasions witness had lost some money. About the middle of last month he lost two silk shirts and two collars, but did not suspect the accused. On the 25th of last month when witness returned to the hotel in the evening he found the accused on the corridor outside witness's room. Upon being asked if he had waited long accused replied "No," and pointing

to room No. 7 said, "I have just rung for the boy." They went into witness's room and had tea. That night Madame Goucher, occupant of room No. 7, reported thefts from her room. Next morning at bath witness began to suspect accused in view of his admission that he had been in room No. 7 to ring for the boy. Witness informed the police.

Madame Goucher spoke about missing things from a locked suit case. The amazing thing was, she said, that it was also locked when she returned to the hotel.

Sergeant Carey gave evidence of searching a cubicle at No. 35, Connaught Road Central, where accused said he slept. On the bunk he found two silk shirts and two collars which Mr. Haynes identified as his property. In a leather bag witness found some other articles and the revolver which Madame Goucher had just identified in Court.

Accused said that he had been promised employment on the guard launch "Chip Yat." Inspector Brennan had given him a good recommendation and he was sure to get the job. Just before Chinese New Year Mr. Haynes approached him and suggested that while waiting for his appointment to the "Chip Yat" witness should canvass for advertisements for his "Hong Kong Ladies' Weekly" on a commission basis. Witness took the job and he had himself collected all the advertisements for that paper. But each time he approached Mr. Haynes for some of the money due to him he was put off. He did not even receive stamps for correspondence in connection with the paper. Feeling indignant, witness took the things to hold as security. He thought at the time that they were all Mr. Haynes's property. He was not aware that the room next door was occupied. Previously he had been given permission to use the bathroom there and concluded Mr. Haynes was occupying it also. Up to date witness had received only \$3.00 from Mr. Haynes for his work in connection with the "Ladies' Weekly."

Accused said he had some very good papers as to his character during his eight years in China, and it was for His Worship to decide if it should be marred as the result of this case. He (accused) contended that as he had the intention to return the articles when he received his money he was not guilty of larceny. In support of this contention he read Archbold's definition of larceny to the Court.

Major Willson convicted. On the two charges of larceny accused received one month's jail each, the sentences to run consecutively. A fine of \$50 or a further month's imprisonment was imposed on the permit charge.

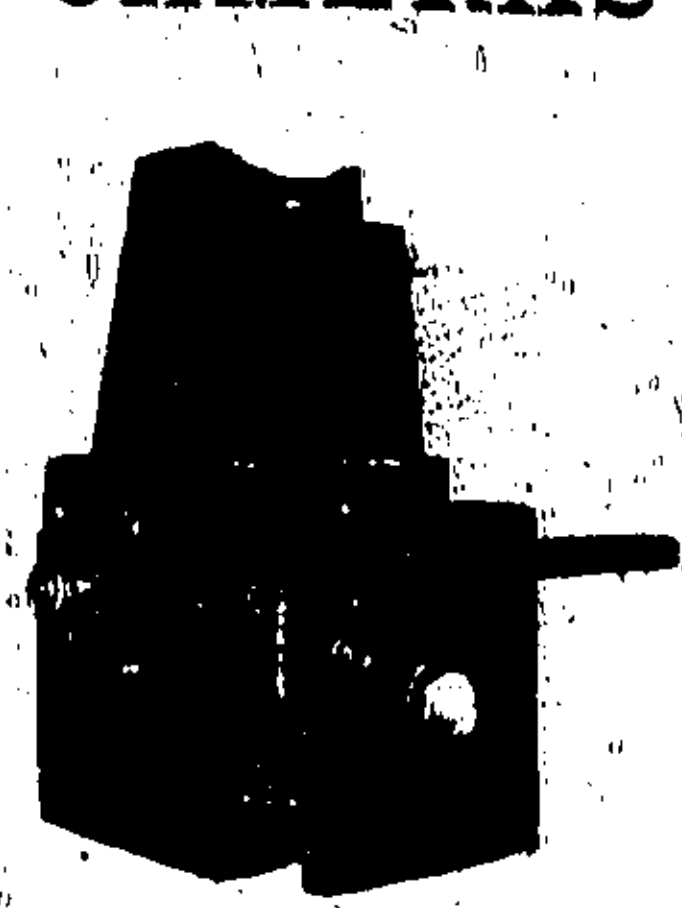
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Central Hong Kong, on WEDNES-
DAY, the 23rd March, 1927, at
2.30 p.m. for the purpose of re-
ceiving the Report of the Directors
together with a Statement of
Accounts for the year ending 31st
December, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from the
8th March, 1927, to the 23rd March,
1927, (both days inclusive), during
which period no transfer of shares
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By Order of the Board,
LOOK POONG-SHAN,
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Hong Kong, 7th March, 1927.

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**THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDIN-
ARY GENERAL MEETING** of
SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the
Office of the undersigned on
MONDAY, the 28th March, 1927, at
Noon, for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the General Managers,
together with a Statement of Ac-
counts for the year ended the 31st
December, 1926.

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TRANSFER BOOKS will be
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PRIMITIVE RACE.**DISCOVERY OF NEW GUINEA
EXPEDITION.****SECRETS OF THE MOUNTAINS.**

The discovery of an extraordinary
primitive race of pigmies in the
heart of the mountain country in
New Guinea which has not pre-
viously been penetrated by Euro-
peans and where was encountered
a giant race of Papuans averaging
over six feet in height whose ex-
pression is made more ferocious by
the cross-skewers of wood stuck in
their nostrils, was described to the
Calcutta correspondent of the Times
by Professor Stirling on his arrival
at Port Said.

His expedition consists of five
Americans under the Smithsonian
Institute, assisted by the Dutch
Scientific Research Society. The
Dutch East India Government pro-
vided doctors, surveyors and an es-
cort of 75 coloured troops with
three Dutch officers.

Treacherous Giant Race.
The expedition traversed New
Guinea to the north and southwards
where they discovered a giant race
of Papuans who were so treacherous
that they were obliged to shoot some
of them solely in self-defence.

The difficulties of penetrating the
country were partly surmounted by
an aeroplane, fitted with survey
cameras, which dropped food to the
parties pioneering in the creeks.

Prof. Stirling is of opinion that
these pigmies were the earliest in-
habitants of New Guinea. They
gave the expedition a very friendly
welcome. The headman of the vil-
lage killed a pig in honour of the
guests and performed the ritual of
blood brotherhood. They were
entertained daily with gifts of po-
tatoes and vegetables. These primi-
tive people are without a king or
any kind of organised government.
Each village is under a headman
and elders.

The pigmies average height is
four feet. They have wholly black
skins and sturdy well-knit bodies
and are cheerful in temperament.
Their clothing consists of only the
smallest of loin cloths and they
wear charms round their necks and
occasionally a thick netting on the
head.

Bridegroom's Ordeal.

The expedition found no evidence
of any organised religion—neither
temples, totems, any place of wor-
ship nor priests. What religion
there is seems to be chiefly animism,
the pigmies believing that spirits
exist in rivers, trees and mountains.
They are fond of smoking and have
their own tobacco, acorn pipes and
cigarettes. Still in the Stone Age
stage regarding implements, they
use stone axes, hammers and wea-
pons.

Before the marriage ceremony the
bridegroom must undergo the ordeal
of being a target for two marksmen
with bows and arrows, while he
himself is allowed to dodge and re-
turn the fire but only with the
arrows recovered from the ground.
This is considered to be the supreme
test of courage.

A Sign of Divorce.

When a wife is divorced from
her husband she severs the top joint
of her index finger with a stone
hatchet and, for a second divorce
the same operation is performed on
the second finger. Members of the
expedition saw some women with
three or four fingers thus mutilat-
ed. Polygamy is prevalent and
wives have to be purchased but
their morals are good and their huts
clean. Trade is carried on by a
system of primitive barter but it
is very limited since the pigmies
are almost vegetarians.

Language Learned.

Neither oil nor minerals were
discovered but the soil is very
fertile, and the rainfall heavy.
Great heat was experienced. Any
development of the hinterland in a
practical manner would necessitate
foreign capital and enterprise.

The members of the expedition
were obliged to learn the pigmies'
language, commencing with signs
which were anxiously and intelli-
gently communicated for this was
the first contact of the pigmies with
the outside world and they have
neither a written language, picture
signs nor any kind of art.

The expedition learned verbatim
by ear and gradually compiled a
vocabulary.

"PROFESSIONAL BANKRUPT."

Described by counsel as a pro-
fessional bankrupt, Frederick
Thomas Johnson, aged 48, a
builder, said to be a London man,
was sentenced by the Bourne-
mouth Recorder to eighteen
months' hard labour on four
charges of having obtained credit
without disclosing the fact he
was an undischarged bankrupt,
and a charge of false pretences.

It was stated that since 1900
Johnson had had twelve receiving
orders made against him, and in
no case had he obtained his dis-
charge.

The accused said he wished to
give notice of appeal on a point
of law.

FLOWER SHOW**VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS**

THURSDAY, 10th MARCH, 1927,
3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

SHORT HAIR.**HIS MAJESTY AND THE
SHINGLE.****NOT ALLOWED AT COURT.**

Many observers may have won-
dered, at a time when the younger
royal ladies of so many countries,
such as Spain and Roumania, have
bobbed or shingled hair, that none
of our own princesses has fallen
to the fashion. Everyone in
Court quarters know the reason.
It is the King's strong prejudice
against short hair for women.
While the Queen merely thinks
the fashion ugly and recognises
its practical advantage, the King's
feelings are so strong on the mat-
ter that he refuses to sanction any
of the ladies attached to the
Court appearing with shorn locks.

No exceptions are made from
the rule. Only the other day a
certain notable lady on her ap-
pointment as lady-in-waiting to
the Queen thought to smarten
herself up for her royal duties by
having her hair shingled. As
soon as she appeared at Court,
however, it was intimated to her
that she must at once let her hair
grow, and while that was happen-
ing employ some art of the hair-
dresser to hide the fact of her un-
wisdom. Other ladies of the
Court have had to wear
"switches" to provide the neces-
sary length of hair.

Although, of course, there is no
official ruling in the matter, it is
noticeable that most of both
Princess Mary's and the Duchess
of York's intimate friends wear
their hair long in deference to the
King's wishes. In these days
when dresses are so much alike,
and princesses or working girls
all wear simple garments, at least
during the daytime, long hair in-
stead of magnificence of attire is
one of the few distinctive signs of
being at Court.

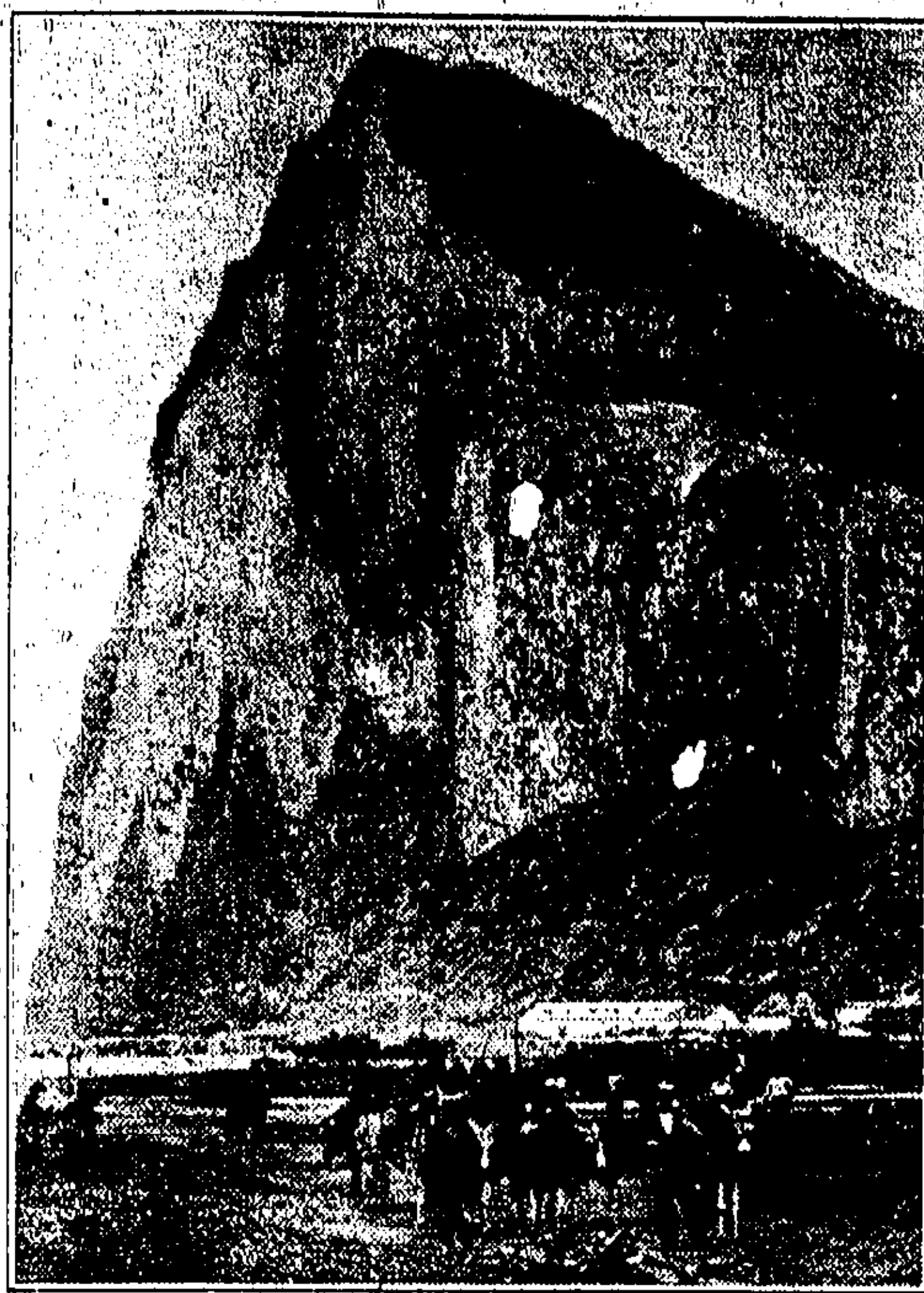
**A CHILD'S APPETITE**

For sweets, ice-cream, and the other
'good things' of the table rarely know
reasonable limits. It is not always
possible to exercise supervision, to re-
strain the child from too many help-
ings. A disordered digestive system
is the inevitable result of this over-
indulgence, with general lassitude,
feverishness, stomach and bowel trou-
ble and pain among the symptoms.

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This unusual photograph of the Rock of Gibraltar was received re-
cently at Canadian Pacific headquarters from the photographer on the
Company's ship Empress of Scotland which is at present on an annual
cruise of the world. This famed fortress, standing guard at the en-
trance of the Mediterranean, has been the target of countless cameras
but few pictures of the Rock have been without the Mediterranean in
prominence. The above photograph is a north view. In the foreground
can be seen natives of the coast of Spain with their slow moving don-
keys loaded with wares. The buildings clustered at the base of the
rock are very western in construction.

HONG KONG HOTEL VISITORS

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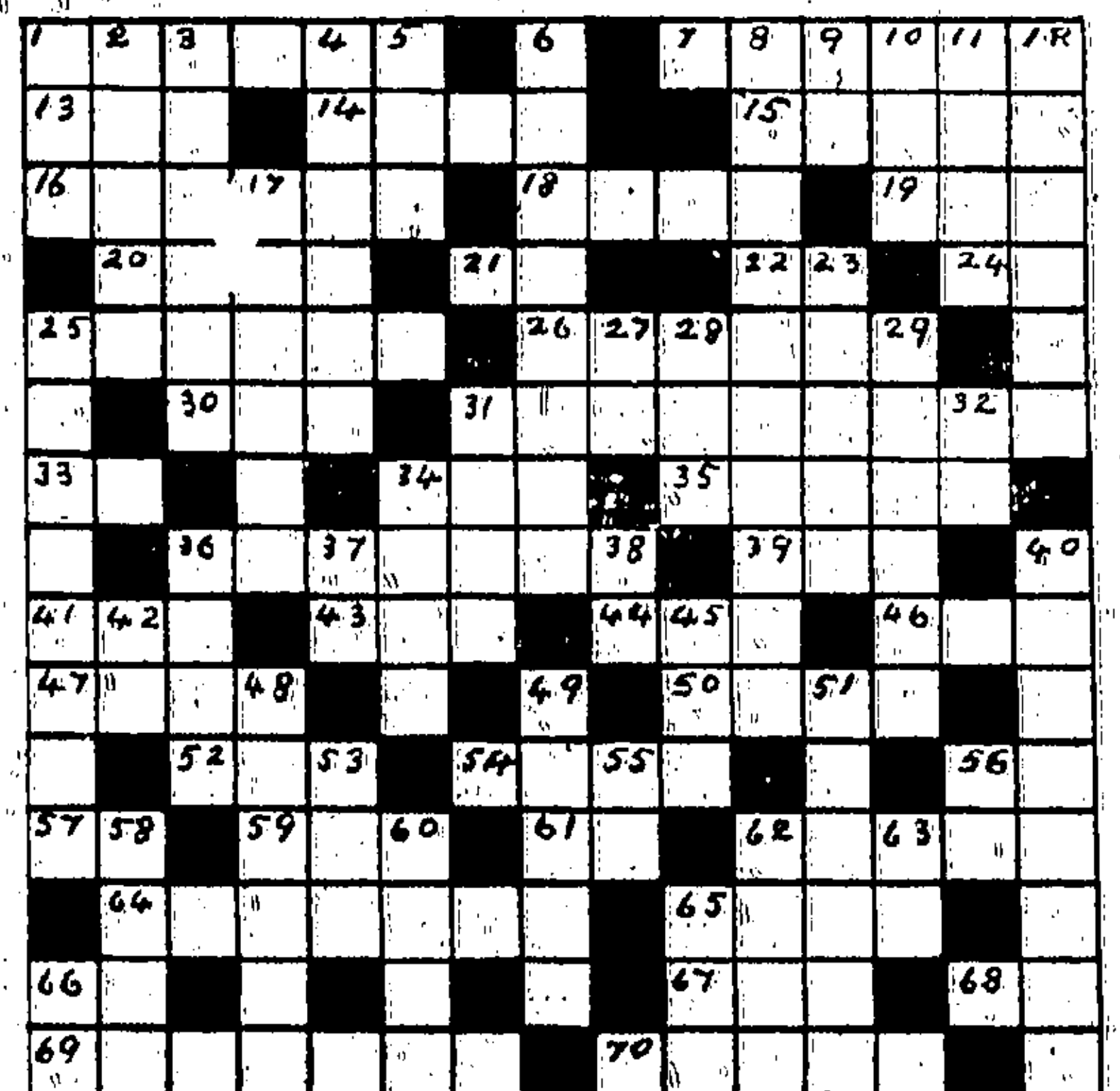
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Clues Across.

1. A disease which consumes.
7. To rush about.
13. Part of the verb 'to be'.
14. RUHR (actual).
15. A Christmas carol.
16. The celebrated philosopher's name.
18. Give attention.
19. ONO (actual).
20. Tidy or clean.
21. Father.
22. A printer's measure.
24. T. P. (actual).
25. A genus of Lamiales plants (the sage).
26. A case with wood straps around.
30. Dry wines.
31. Talked idly.
33. A Memphis god.
34. A digit of the foot.
35. Office-bearer in church.
36. Beloved.
39. A girl's name.
41. Expresses negation.
43. A friend or chum.
44. To possess.
45. A song in two parts.
47. Entangled piece of string.
50. From which young birds are produced.
52. To set.
53. At what time?
58. Marking an alternative.
57. Same as 22, r. ross.
59. Obtained.
61. The indefinite article.
62. Having zones.
64. Bastes or greases.
65. TEP's (actual).
68. Bone.
69. A British order (abbrev.).
68. Denotes situation in place.
69. To stretch out.
70. To break.

Clues Down.

1. A tin container.
2. A place of contest.
3. Upright columns (archit.).
4. Amatory.
5. To hurry.
6. A teller of a thing.
8. A condition of uncertainty.
9. In this manner.
10. One plus one equals.
11. An annual fast of forty days.
12. Ran away with.
17. An inn.
23. Of necessity.
25. To act on sparingly.
27. Same as 33 across.
28. Consumed.
29. Fears.
31. Fuel.
32. ER (actual).
34. A drop of secretion from lacrymal gland.
36. Well-known English college.
37. EP (actual).
38. Same as 9 down.
40. A fence round a house under-going repairs.
42. Not off.
46. A cyst.
48. A rope and pulleys tackle.
49. A groove.
51. Searches in the dark.
56. A serpent.
56. A printer's measure.
56. OE (actual).
58. A bird's home.
60. Ancient system of weight in Scotland.
62. An Indian ox.
63. N'S (actual).
65. A hill.
68. Bone.

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Possible Effect Upon Future Design.

Several new developments in Italian shipping are revealed by the report of the board of directors of the Navigazione Generale Italiana. This states that the company's fleet now consist of 26 steamers and motorships. Since the previous report the liner "Roma" and the motorship "Sangro" have been delivered, and the liner "Indiana" and the cargo vessels "Fiame," "Sile," and "Adige" have been sold, while the steamer "Precida" has been exchanged for the motor liner "Equatore." In view of these alterations, the value of the fleet has been increased from 165,788,589 lire to 277,322,572 lire.

Arrangements have been made to obtain the financial resources necessary for the provision of new tonnage without a further call on the subscribed capital of 600 millions lire, and, therefore, unless unfore-

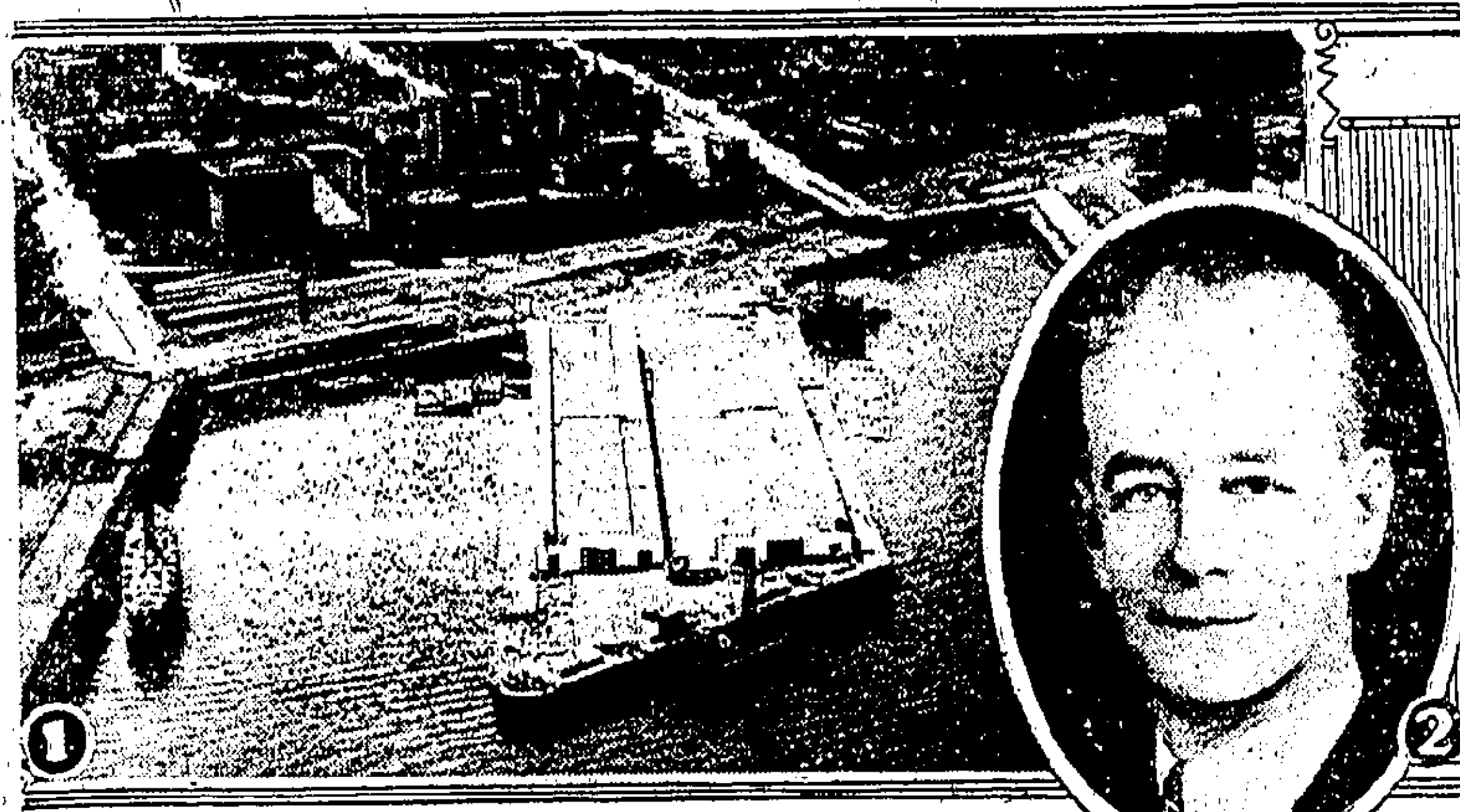
Referring to the launch of the motor liner "Augustus," of about 12,500 gross tons, which, when put into service, will be the largest motorship afloat, the report states that she is expected to sail on her maiden voyage next September or October. The board of directors of the company further call the attention of the shareholders to the fact that in 1926 the liners "America," "Taormina," "Re Vittorio," "Prin-

CYCLONE HAVOC.

Paris, March 7. Reports from Reunion state that a cyclone swept the island seriously damaging crops in the north east. Hardly anything remains of the port and town. At Tamatave, Madagascar, the steamer "Saint Anne" was lost and the "Catina" foundered. The "Duchesse" is safe.—Reuter.

capessa "Maialda," "Duca degli Abruzzi," and "Duca d'Aosta" will be twenty years old, and consequently it will be necessary to replace them. For this purpose the board of directors has decided to proceed with the construction of three additional liners of 30,000 gross tons, two to be employed on the South American services, and the other on the North American service.

Before entering upon this programme the Navigazione Generale



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seen circumstances arise, there will be no need to call for new capital during this year.

Need for Better Understanding.

The passenger trade has been rather stationary, while the freight traffic has shown an increase on the Australian route, but for the remainder trade has been rather dull. Attention is called to the fact that new changes like harbour dues, food supplies, commissions, unloading and loading charges, &c., are continually being incurred. During 1926 there was increased competition between the various steamship companies to secure freights and it would be desirable, says the report, if a better understanding existed between Italian shipowners, and so avoid possibilities of rate-cutting.

With the sale of the freighters "Fiame," "Sile" and "Adige" the programme of disposing of the cargo fleet acquired during the war has been continued. With regard to the reorganisation of the steamship services between Italy and Central America, and between Italy and the Australian Commonwealth, it might be noted that the Italian Government has agreed to contribute to the Panama and Suez Canals transit expenses, but in spite of this help granted in exchange for various services these two lines are not paying. The report notes that the N.G.I. has decided to maintain them in view of their national importance, and it is expected that through the renewal of the tonnage now employed on these lines the situation will improve.

Three New Liners.

The report further notes that on September 21, 1926, the "Roma" started her maiden voyage, and it is expected that during the second half of this year the motorships "Orazio" and the "Virgilio" will be delivered.

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LA PLATA MARU	Sunday, 3rd April.
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SUMATRA MARU	Saturday, 19th March.
HONOLULU MARU	Friday, 18th March.
SHUNKO MARU	Friday, 18th March.
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VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Shanghai and Japan Ports.	Sunday, 27th March.
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MOREA	10,918	28th May Noon	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & R'dam
KASHMIR	8,097	11th June Noon	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & R'dam
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ARAFURA	6,000	5th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
JEYPORE	7,848	12th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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RESULTS OF UNITED STATES INVESTIGATIONS.

CHARTS FOR NAVIGATORS.

Amongst the many publications issued for the guidance of navigators, none are held in higher esteem than the monthly pilot charts prepared by the United States Hydrographic Office. In addition to the usual features of expected winds and currents upon the face of the chart, much useful and valuable information is printed upon the back. It is so arranged that not only does the mariner obtain data needed, but is also interested in the science of meteorology as applied at sea, and encouraged to add his observations to those of others, and so help develop efficiency.

The reverse side of the North Atlantic chart for January is devoted to the study of currents, and in addition to containing a series of roses, embodying in graphic form the result of many reports, also bears a most useful description of ocean currents, the manner of their origin and movement, and the certainty of their being felt. Every opportunity is given for a navigator to decide for himself the reliability of the observations, for attached to each rose is a symbol giving the number of reports upon which its construction has been based, and the occasions upon which no current has been recorded in the locality. Further, the construction of the rose indicates not only the direction, but also the force, as based upon reports indicating a drift in the direction given.

Summarizing investigations made into the origin of currents, the chart points out that their causes are twofold, wind drift and variation of sea density in different localities. The former, of course, exercises the greater influence, as every wind that blows exercises a certain amount of friction upon the water surface, setting upon a movement which is in turn transmitted to the stratum below; each layer of particles acting upon the one beneath it until a large body of water is in motion and the current is so established. Hence the movement of the current is to a certain extent controlled by the prevailing winds, subject to non-interference by land or varying water densities. The latter named has its effect not merely in modifying, but sometimes in originating ocean streams, including a flow from the dense to the less dense areas.

Upon the methods of ascertaining the strength and direction of currents it is noted that, when determining the velocity of the Gulf Stream, a specially equipped vessel, acting under the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, was anchored in positions where the depth of water exceeded two thousand fathoms. Naturally such an ideal method of draft ascertainment is not ordinarily available, the majority of the data being based upon differences between dead reckoning and observation positions of vessels at sea; discrepancies, after due allowance has been made for leeway, &c., being attributed to the currents encountered.

Under ideal conditions this means gives a very close approximation, but much must depend upon the suitability of weather conditions for perfect astronomical fixes, and after all due allowances have been made for the vagaries of currents, it is possible that some of the conflicting reports received are based upon conclusions reached rather by estimate than accuracy.

Floating Objects. Then the movement of freely floating objects, such as the bottles which are thrown over by observers, and the tracks taken by buoys and similar objects whose point of departure is known have, also added very considerable to the knowledge of these ocean streams. Such objects, however, give general direction only; their vagaries whilst in the grip of the stream not being followed, whilst wind influence upon any exposed portion also plays its part. However, the bottle drift is a good and useful guide, and navigators are particularly desired by the Hydrographic Department to throw overboard such bottles, containing appropriate information whenever possible.

Proceeding from the general to the particular, the chart then deals with the currents of the Atlantic, their origin, direction, and velocity; the subject being treated in such manner as to arouse interest as well as transmit information. Additional to the general features which are within the common knowledge of navigators, some very useful details regarding mean velocities in the Gulf Stream during different seasons are given, with appropriate allowances for crossing at different points. Particulars are also provided of the various drift currents and the influences which govern them.

Referring to Rennell's current, once regarded as an extensive stream setting under given conditions from the Bay of Biscay across the entrance to the English Channel, it is pointed out that recent investigations fail to reveal such a feature; any movement of the water, due to an unusually high level at the head of the Gulf of Gascony, being disclosed merely as a narrow current of re-action moving northward along the coast of France.

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THE VALUE OF DIRECTION-FINDERS.

CHARTS FOR NAVIGATORS.

Many subjects of importance to shipmasters and officers were discussed at the quarterly meeting of the members of the Merchant Marine Service Association, held in Liverpool, the president (Captain J. Porty) presiding.

The Chairman said he hoped the members would join with him in trying to make the association more prosperous, more united, and of more benefit to the service than it had ever been. They had a long record of which they were proud, and it was up to each one of them to maintain and improve that record by doing what lay in their power to make the association a great united body of shipmasters and officers. He had been struck with frequency of officers making the excuse for not joining by saying they would not join until the association was more united. Could they imagine a more futile or fallacious argument? If instead these masters and officers said, "We will join and make the association a united body," it would be more logical and more to the purpose. The omens were good for trade. Shipping, he believed, would have a fair share of it, and let them make the omens equally good for the prosperity of their association.

Speaking on the question of wireless direction-finding stations, Captain Porty said the Bar Light ship at the entrance of the Mersey was to be fitted with a wireless beacon, having a range of 50 miles. This obviously would only be of service to the big liners, "but it might be a lever with which to bring pressure on owners to compel them to fit their ships with direction-finders. In foggy weather a ship so fitted might catch the tide when she otherwise would miss, and the time seemed to be at hand when every ship, big and small, would depend on wireless for its position.

This brought them to the question of the necessity for ships' officers making themselves acquainted with wireless, for it might supersede the chronometer in the same way that the chronometer superseded lunar. In his young days a man was not considered a good navigator unless he could work out the lunar problem, and so in the future they would not be good navigators unless they understood wireless.

A member, speaking on the question of the recognition of the Merchant Service at the Armistice Day

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celebrations, said after a good many years following the war it had been officially recognized that the Merchant Service should take a proper and well-defined place in the representation of the forces of the Crown. This had been brought about to a certain extent by the intervention of the association in pressing the claims of the Merchant Service as a whole.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:—"We masters and officers, at this quarterly meeting, pledge ourselves to do everything in our power to further the interests of this association during the current year by inducing others to join and endeavouring to make the M.M.S.A. a united body for the benefit and uplifting of active sea-going members, and ameliorating the conditions of the service generally."

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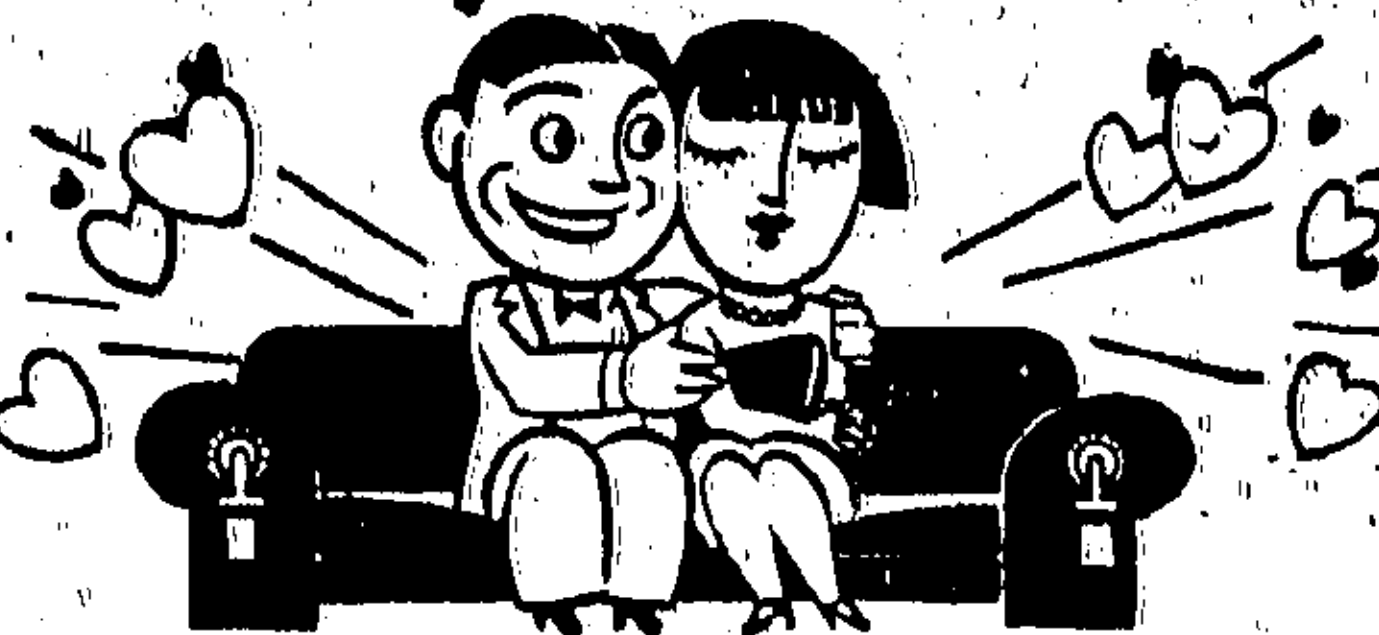
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BIRTH.

HUNTER.—On March 1, 1927, at
the Victoria Nursing Home,
Shanghai, to Det. Sub-Inspector
and Mrs. Hunter, a daughter.

DEATH.

LITTLE.—On February 28, 1927,
at Tientsin, Elizabeth Con-
stance, wife of Edward S.
Little, Jr., and daughter of
Mrs. R. C. Forsyth, Baptist
Mission, Tsinanfu.

Hong Kong, Tuesday, March 8, 1927.

COMMUNISM IN CHINA.

Another attack on Communism has been made by General Chang Kai-shek, this time at a mass meeting in Nanchang. This outburst is taken to mean the widening of the split in the ranks of the Kuomintang. That may be so, but it is more evidence of a desire on the part of the Nationalist General to "dig himself in" now that he fears in reality the menace of the Communist cancer. He declares that Communism is only one method of economic development. It may be adapted to the conditions of some countries, but it will be fatal to China. Communism will mean the downfall of China and revolution. If these views are genuine, there may still be some hope of unity in China as far as concerns the Bolshevik influence. It seems a pity, however, that expression to them in some concrete form was not given by General Chang Kai-shek long before he embarked on the Northern expedition. Whilst in Canton he had innumerable opportunities not only of airing similar views on Communism, but of following them up by ousting the Bolshevik crowd altogether from the councils of the Nationalist Government. When both Mar-

shals Wu Pei-fu and Chang Tso-lin declared months ago that their objective was to crush Bolshevism utterly, General Chang Kai-shek's only reply was to push on with his advance into Northern territory. He has taken a precious long time to declare in public that Communism will be fatal to China and that it will mean the downfall of China and revolution. The true friends of China have been saying so ever since the ascendancy of Borodin and Co. in Canton. But they have been scoffed at by Nationalist organs and speakers, as merely foreign Imperialists out to menace Chinese independence and to interfere with China's domestic affairs. Whatever may be the reasons underlying Chang Kai-shek's denunciation of Communism—whether self-preservation or otherwise—it should certainly have the effect of bringing the Northern and the Southern war lords nearer a common platform than has yet been possible. With a concerted attack on Communism, combined with resolute action to rid the country of the crew headed by Borodin, the ideal of unity in China will come within the realm of practical politics. Against such a hope, however, must be set the report that the Soviet has officially appointed M. Karakhan to be its representative in Canton, that that emissary intends to proceed to Har-kow, and that the Soviet intends to accord recognition to the Southern Government. These reports can only be taken to mean the strengthening instead of the weakening of Moscow's influence in China. What will be the attitude of General Chang Kai-shek? Will he metaphorically take M. Karakhan, whose personal safety has already been threatened by Marshal Chang Tso-lin, to his bosom and rejoice at Moscow's condescension to recognise the Nationalist Government as one other means of extending Moscow's grip over China? These are not idle questions. They are warranted by Chang Kai-shek's latest exposure of what Communism will mean for China. If he holds firmly to that declaration he will range himself on the side of those Chinese who desire to see their country saved from the peril of Russian Communism. Furthermore, he must admit that the best outside friends of China are not those emanating from Moscow, but those "hated Imperialists" against whom his own Press raves in season and out of season.

Wanted—A Shop Window.

The success of the two British industries fairs at Home, reported in to-day's wireless news, gratifying as further evidence of the nation's vitality, is useful also as an example to the Dominions and Colonies. Hong Kong cannot at the moment, unfortunately, follow this example, owing to the political conditions in China, which have their financial repercussions in this Colony. But there is no doubt that could an industries fair be held here, as has been suggested in the past, a great fillip would be given to local trade. Hong Kong, we are often told, has no industries, being merely a distributing centre. This is only partly true, for several big industries can be named at once. Moreover, a great city cannot grow, much less exist, without a dozen industries springing up. Here alone is enough to warrant an industries fair. Then there is our great import and export trade. The firms who handle this would doubtless welcome an opportunity to display their goods before visitors from all parts of China. An industries fair in Hong Kong would represent a shop window for the Colony's goods, whether locally manufactured or imported, and there is no doubt it would be of vast benefit to traders all over the Far East. Chinese as well as foreign. Let us hope that conditions will soon arrive which will make such a fair at last possible.

FINE WORK.

SUPPORT FOR DESERVING CAUSES.

H.K.W.G. & M.C.L. REPORT.

The General Honorary Secretary of the Hong Kong Women's Guild and Ministering Children League (Mrs. Creasy) reports that funds were allocated as follows during 1926:—

Hong Kong Cots at M.C.L.	£200
Homes, Ottershaw	100
Truflagar Homes for Orphans, Portsmouth	100
Royal Soldiers' Daughters Home, Hampstead	100
Merchant Service Guild (Quarriers)	100
Orphan Homes of Scotland	100
Officers' Families Fund	50
Evangelical Hospital for Children	50
Shaftesbury Home and Arethusa Training Ship	50
Waifs and Strays Society	50
Total	£300
or	\$7,917.50

Local Charities:	
Italian Convent Hospital	\$ 200.00
Nethersole Hospital	1,000.00
Ying Wa Girls' School	200.00
C.M.S. Day Schools	400.00
Village School Fund	600.00
Victoria Home and Orphanage	1,000.00
C.M.S. Blind Home	1,000.00
St. Joseph's Home for the Aged Poor	400.00
Hong Kong Benevolent Society	500.00
Protestant Alms-houses Fund	200.00
Total	\$5,500.00

Grand Total \$13,417.50
The President and Committee desire to acknowledge with grateful thanks the donation of \$770 received from Miss Woo, M.B.E. being part proceeds of the auction of the Fiat Car and diamond bracelet sold after St. Paul's Girls' School Bazaar.

KOWLOON HOUSEBOY ABSCONDS.

Mr. H. Thorgersen's houseboy has absconded from his residence, No. 308, Nathan Road, Kowloon, with money, clothing and jewellery worth \$651.

WOMAN'S STAR WOUNDS.

Sybil Joseph, who recently figured in an assault case at the Magistracy, was yesterday admitted to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from stab wounds. She refused to say how they were caused.

STEALING A NAME PLATE.

Sentence of one month's jail was passed by Major Willson this morning on a Chinese who was caught early this morning removing the brass name plate outside Messrs. Anderson and Nash's office in town.

MOTOR CAR STOLEN.

While visiting some friends last night Mr. E. J. Figueiredo left his motor car No. 1006 at the junction of Jordan and Nathan Roads, Kowloon. When he returned to the spot at 8 p.m. the car had disappeared.

CRIMEAN VETERAN.

DEATH OF "A GRAND OLD MAN."

LINK WITH HONG KONG.

Local residents who are acquainted with Mr. Tom Pitt, ex-Sub-Inspector of the Hong Kong Police Force, who retired on August 7, 1922, after 22 years' service, will sympathise with him in the death at Eastney, in mail week of his father, Mr. Thomas Pitt, Senior.

Known throughout Eastney as "Old Tom," the deceased who was 94 years of age was a Crimean Veteran and served with the Royal Marines. He was given full military honours at the funeral, the Marines turning out in force to pay their last tribute.

Practically the whole of Eastney was out and lined the streets bare headed as the funeral procession passed through the streets. The respect shown on all sides was a fitting tribute to the town's "Grand Old Man."

Amongst those who attended the funeral were two other Crimean veterans, Mr. J. Hetheridge, late R.M.A., and Mr. J. Stares, late R.N. Colonel Second Commandant of the Royal Marines was also present.

Fall bearers were Staff Sergeants of the R.M.L.L. A Royal Marine bugler sounded the "Last Post" as the graveside.

It is interesting to note that the deceased's son, Thomas Pitt, junior also served with the Marines, and it was from that branch of the service that he joined the Hong Kong Police in 1900. In his early days in the Colony, ex-Sub-Inspector Pitt shone as a good rifle shot. He was also a keen billiards player and once held the Championship of the Colony. In later years he was a strong supporter of the Hong Kong Boxing Association and officiated as time-keeper at many of their tournaments. As a Clubman ex-Sub-Inspector Pitt enjoyed great popularity amongst the members of the Craigagower Cricket Club.

OPENED BY POLICE.

WHAT A SMALL BLACK BOX CONTAINED.

STORY OF ALLEGED BRIBE.

A Chinese was brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning charged on remand with the unlawful possession of four tials of non-Government opium and with offering \$30 bribe to an Indian constable to let him go.

Mr. E. Davidson appeared for the defence.

At the previous hearing last week the Magistrate intimated that the second charge would be treated as a committal case.

Police evidence was to the effect that an Indian constable on duty on the Western water front at dusk saw two Chinese approaching him. When they were near the man not in custody was heard saying to the accused, "Here comes a 'mole' kwai."

With one accord both men crossed the road and quickened their pace obviously with the intention to gain a side lane not far off. The Indian intercepted them and searched the accused. In a lower coat pocket he found an empty horn box which gave a strong smell of opium. Immediately upon this discovery, the accused's companion ran away. The Indian asked the accused to open a small black box which he was carrying in his hand, but the accused protested that he had no key. He was taken to the police station.

On the way accused offered the constable \$30, saying, "I have only four tials of opium. Take this and let me go." At the station accused produced the key and opened the box, and in it the opium was found.

For possession of opium, defendant was fined \$250.

On the charge of bribery defendant was committed for trial.

MONEY MISSING FROM SAFE.

When the safe of Messrs. S. C. Lay & Co., in Alexandra Building, was opened this morning a sum of \$240 was missing. The police are investigating the matter.

Burglars entered the 3rd floor of No. 14 Jubilee Street yesterday and stole money, jewellery and clothing worth \$273.

A Chinese was admitted to hospital yesterday suffering from ammonia poisoning said to have been self-administered.

Two foids of a Chinese leather shop at No. 4 Portland Street who were sent to No. 32, Des Voeux Road yesterday to take delivery of 100 pieces of leather worth \$470 absconded with the goods.

BANKER HONOURED.

PRESENTATION TO MR. A. H. BARLOW.

CHINESE MERCHANTS' TRIBUTE.

On behalf of the Chinese merchants, bankers and residents of the Colony, Sir Robert Ho Tung yesterday presented Mr. A. H. Barlow, the departing manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, with a magnificent silver drinking cup as a token of their appreciation of his friendship and worth.

Among others present were: The Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Hon. Dr. Kotewall, Messrs. Ho Kom-tong, Lo Cheung-shiu, M. K. Lo, Li Pok-kwei, Chan Tin-son, Ho Wing, Chan Nim-pak, Ho Kwong, Ho Leung, Ho Yu, Lam Kwai-sung (Chairman of the Gold and Silver Exchange Association), Yung Ching-ming, Pang Heung-chuen, Edward Ho Tung, Yuen Woon-ku, Lo Woon-chun (Secretary of the 24 Trades Guild) Ho Ki, the native bankers, rice and sugar merchants and representatives of the Nam Pak Hong.

In making the presentation, Sir Robert said:—

Mr. Barlow.—On behalf of the Chinese merchants, bankers and residents whose names are engraved on the silver plate, I have much pleasure in asking you to accept this silver drinking cup, on the occasion of your approaching departure on Home leave as a token of their regard and good wishes. To be chosen as the spokesman of such representative Chinese gentlemen under such happy circumstances is indeed a high compliment to myself; and to me, the pleasure of making this presentation is incomparably enhanced by my practically life-long association with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and, if I may say so, Sir, by my long and intimate friendship with you personally. Knowing your dislike of speeches in general—certainly of making them, and probably of listening to them as well—I propose to say very little more.

Gentlemen, it is unnecessary for me to say anything about the unrivalled position of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation as the premier Bank in the Far East. We are all proud of this wonderful institution whose financial prestige and strength increase as the years go by in spite of any adverse influence of political upheaval or trade depression.

But it is obvious that it could not for ever maintain such a fine record unless it were fortunate in selecting those who are charged with the heavy responsibility of looking after its destiny. (Applause.)

That the Bank was, in this respect, singularly fortunate in the past is shown by such names as Sir Thomas Jackson, Sir Newton Stubb, Mr. A. G. Stephen. And I venture to say that in having you, Sir, as its present Head, the continuity of the Bank's "good jobs" is maintained. (Applause.)

For conscientiousness and sheer devotion to duty, none of your predecessors could possibly have surpassed you. Your genius for taking pains, your indefatigableness, must be a source of inspiration to your subordinates, as your habitually early arrival at the Bank must at times be rather an embarrassing example to them. (Applause & laughter.)

We all hope that you and Mrs. Barlow will have a pleasant voyage, a happy reunion with your home folk in Britain and a safe return to Hong Kong, where they hope better times await us all. We also hope that trade and commerce may flourish for the mutual benefit of the great Bank under your management and its Chinese clients, who look confidently to you for the continuance of that measure of co-operation without which the prosperity of Hong Kong cannot be so well assured. (Applause.)

Chinese Co-operation.

In reply, Mr. Barlow referred to the excellent co-operation of the Bank's Chinese clients and, dealing with statements which were sometimes made as to the Bank's "Imperialism," said that the Institution was not, nor ever had been, Imperial in any sense. It was non-political as it lived on the fostering of trade and good relationships.

In conclusion, he thanked them for their good wishes on behalf of himself and his wife.

Season tickets at 5s., or single tickets at 6d., for admission to the Exhibition of Flemish and Belgian Art at the Royal Academy, are available for students of recognised art schools.

The mothers of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cooper, of Denison Road, Selby, Yorkshire, died on the same night and from the same cause (heart failure), and were buried in Selby cemetery.

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DIOCESAN WORK

Review of V.D.A. Activities.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The Bishop of Victoria, the Right Rev. C. R. Duppuy, presided over the annual meeting yesterday at the Helena (May Institute of the Victoria Diocesan Association).

Referring his hearers to the appeal of the Bishop of London on his recent visit to back up the work of the diocese as a diocese, Bishop Duppuy said that the V.D.A. was the natural organization through which the different groups connected with Chinese and Colonial Church life could help forward the work of the diocese. At present it was a relatively small organization but it had within itself the principle of growth and was capable of wide expansion. Given the right leadership, such as he believed they had got in the officials and council for the year he prophesied a wide expansion for the Association.

The Bishop thanked those who had taken position of responsibility and leadership for their encouraging assistance throughout the year.

Missions in China.

In the course of the meeting, reference to the Mission Field in China to-day was made by the Rev. T. B. Woods, of Fokien Province. The Missions had recently received a blow but there was no reason for despair. They would return strengthened to the work when things had settled down. Far from losing ground, Christianity was going forward. He had been in China for thirty years and it was his firm belief that the prospects were bright. Antagonism was going to put them ahead, Christianity thrived on antagonism. As an instance of his grounds for optimism, Mr. Woods said that before he left Fochow some of the Southern officers, when they went to Fochow, left their daughters in the Christian schools while they went to Chongking to fight the North-erners.

The statement of accounts was presented by the Bishop in the course of the meeting and in moving their adoption the Bishop returned thanks to Mr. Blaker for auditing them and Mr. A. H. Compton (Hon. Treasurer) for his work in the past.

The accounts showed that after allowing for all expenditure there was a balance of \$1,321.

The accounts were duly passed.

The Annual Report.

On behalf of the various secretaries, the Rev. N. V. Halward, M.C., read the annual report, as compiled from their reports.

It was as under:—

Object of the Association:—The Association was started in England in June, 1920, for the purpose of banding together all who desire to interest themselves in the work of this vast and undeveloped Diocese.

The Hong Kong branch was started in March, 1921.

Membership:—The membership in England is rather more than a thousand, and in Hong Kong 260.

London Reunion:—The Reunion in London last year was presided over by Sir Frederick Lugard and the Rev. R. J. Northcott, lately Military Chaplain in Hong Kong, gave the address at the morning service.

There was a good representation from Hong Kong and South China.

Meetings in Hong Kong:—Two conversations were held in Hong Kong during the year. The first took place in April and was intended to illustrate some of the educational work being done in the Diocese. The second was in November, and was illustrative of social and medical work.

At each of these gatherings there was an attendance of some 170 people.

V.D.A. Sunday:—Sunday, November 21, was observed as V.D.A. Sunday by all the Churches, Chinese and European in Hong Kong. It was felt that the special services held in creating interest in the work which lies before the Church in South China. The collections amounted to about \$400 and were given to the General Fund, being earmarked for specific purposes, such as the building fund for the new All Saints, Yaumati, Church.

It has been decided that in future, the Sunday before Advent shall be reserved for V.D.A. Sunday, and that the Autumn conversation should be held on the preceding Monday.

Reception to the Bishop of London:—The year has been memorable for the ten days' visit paid by the Bishop of London to the Diocese.

On December 27 the V.D.A. organised a reception for the Bishop of London, at which some 700 people were present. The Bishop pressed the need of supporting the work in this Diocese and is showing his personal interest by presiding at the Annual Reunion in London, to be held in the Victoria Hall, London, on June 29.

Hospital Supplies:—Thanks to the Hospital Supplies' Secretary (Mrs. Lay) and her fellow workers, a large box of hospital supplies is being sent to the hospital in Yunnanfu.

Kensington Sale of Work:—Goods for the V.D.A. Stall at the Kensington Sale of Work, were despatched during the year by Mrs. Forster, as sales secretary. Mrs. Forster, who is shortly to go on leave, is to be succeeded by Mrs. Russell-Brown.

"Outpost":—A small committee has been formed to be responsible for the collection of local copy for the "Outpost." A Hong Kong supplement to the "Outpost" has also been issued. The Committee is considering the advisability of printing a Chinese edition of this supplement.

Grants:—During the year grants have been as follows:—

(a) \$1,000 to the endowment fund for the Chinese Church.

The sum of this fund is to help to provide a permanent endowment fund for Chinese workers. \$12,000 has been subscribed up-to-date, \$15,000 being from Chinese sources.

The interest in this amount is used to supplement money subscribed locally, in the different districts, towards the salaries of Chinese clergy and other workers.

(b) \$1,000 towards initiating a pension scheme for Chinese workers.

It is obviously easier to initiate a pension scheme while the work is small and the numbers few rather than later when the work has grown to larger dimensions.

The Chinese Diocesan Synod is anxious to start such a pension scheme as soon as practicable.

The above grant is to help encourage such a scheme.

(c) Grants have also been made towards the expenses of an ordination candidate, the building of a new Chinese Church and the Bishop's travelling expenses. The V.D.A. is also responsible for the stipend of the Diocesan Chaplain and the Diocesan Secretary.

It is realised that the work of the Association is only at its beginning and its activities are correspondingly small, but the V.D.A. has steadily been growing and we have hope of for greater things in days to come. If members, able to do so, would give an additional \$3 per annum, sending the sum of \$5 to the Hon. Treasurer, this would make a considerable difference and increase the activities of the Association. The life membership fee is \$50.

Revision of Constitution:—It has been felt that the growth in local membership necessitated a revision of the organisation. The Committee has gone into the matter and you have the proposed revised Constitution before you which, it is hoped, you will adopt.

The new scheme is suggested as an experiment only to be tried for two years. The basic principle underlying the scheme is the Group System. By rostering the group system, it is not only hoped that a greater feeling of interest will be created amongst members but it will undoubtedly help to distribute more evenly an amount of detailed work, which, in the past, has fallen upon one or two persons.

To achieve the former it might well be possible for various groups to be organised in such a way as to have some definite object, diocesan in character, given it to do.

What each group is able to accomplish will depend upon the group itself and the keenness of its secretary.

The second advantage should be the general simplification of the collection of subscriptions, the issuing of notices and the keeping of the register of members up-to-date.

On the motion of the Rev. N. V. Halward, seconded by Miss F. C. Woo the report was adopted.

The New Constitution, copies of which had previously been sent to members of the Association in Hong Kong, was presented, and after one slight amendment was passed.

Election of Officers. The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—

Vice-Chairman, Mr. P. S. Cassidy; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. H. Compton; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe.

The Council were elected as under:—Navy, Rev. G. H. Hewitt, R.N.; and Mrs. Lushington; Army, Rev. G. F. Stopford, C. F. and Mrs. Riley; Mother's Union, Mrs. Noll (Hong Kong); Mrs. Rogers (Kowloon); St. Peter's Church, Dr. Earle and

SCHOOL WORK.

"SACRED HEART" PUPILS' RECORD.

PRIZES PRESENTED.

Prizes won during the year were presented to scholars of the Sacred Heart School yesterday by Mr. Li Yau-chuen, among those present at the ceremony (at St. Patrick's Hall) being the Director of Education, Mr. A. E. Wood, the Rev. Father Spada and the Rev. Father Naval.

In presenting the prizes, Mr. Li Yau-chuen referred to the great help to education locally that H.E. the Governor, as one who took the keenest interest in education, had been, also Mr. Wood, their Director of Education, who was versed both in the English and Chinese languages, especially Chinese classics. The Headmaster's report was as follows:—

Annual Report. The academic year, 1926, may be said to be an eventful year. For the convenience of the pupils who live on the Peninsula, the school which was situated at St. Joseph's Terrace was removed to Ki Cheng building, Nathan Road. In the latter building an airy hostel was opened and all available accommodation was instantly occupied.

On account of the strike, many of our boys were stranded at Canton, therefore the number of students on the roll in the year under review, was by far smaller, than that of the previous year. In the year 1926, the school was opened for 219 days and the average daily attendance was ninety-six per cent.

Examination.

The school examination took place in December and the results of all classes are quite satisfactory. 1926 was the first year the school opened a Matriculation Class, and in January there were six boys in that class; but among these six, only three remained until the end of the year, and these three were sent for the University Examination. To the satisfaction of both parents and teachers, they all passed.

Among these three one is now a resident of May Hall. He was trained up from class 7 to pass the matriculation in four years' time. As our boys are very much advanced in age, it is sometimes difficult for us to make them complete their course before they leave school, for they are often called upon by their parents either to help them to look after their business or to earn a living.

Sports.

The physical culture of our boys is by no means neglected. We encourage them to take part in sports of various kinds, both indoor and outdoor, and football is our most favourite game. Owing to circumstances our school's annual athletic sports meeting was interrupted last year, but we hope to hold it again in the coming month this year.

We are also glad to report that since February last more than one hundred new boys were admitted to the school, besides those who were refused admission on account of unfitness.

In conclusion, I wish to ask parents or guardians of the boys attending our school to inspect regularly and punctually the students' reports and not to allow them to absent themselves from school without sufficient reason. (Applause.)

The prize winners were as follows:—

Matriculation 1926 (Winners of Gold Medals): Wong Wai-kwan, Wong Fat-chong, Pang Chak-sang.

Winners of Free Scholarship: Chan Kow-ling, Yuen Sum-fat.

For General Proficiency: Lum Yui-wah, Li Woon-man, Chan Kow-ling, Cheuk Shiu-ki, Chan Ying-ming, Wen Kam-ming, Yuen Sum-fat, Lai Shiu-cheun, Luk Shiu-fun.

For Good Conduct and Application: Shuk Pui-tim, Kwok Shiu-wen, Au Yeung-hsing, Butt Kam, Li Fook-ling, Au Yeung-chong, Leong Wing-tak, A. Shak, Lau Chun-koung.

EIGHTY THOUSAND MOURNERS.

London, March 7. A three mile long procession with 80,000 mourners and five massed bands, accompanied the twenty hearses bearing the bodies of the victims of the Cwm disaster. Nearly 100,000 people came from the mining valleys of South Wales. The coffins were assembled in a section of the "Battalion" of the Monmouthshire Territorials, comprising the Cwm miners' company, the British Legion and various local bodies. At the gates of the cemetery the procession halted and the band played Chopin's funeral march.—Reuter.

Miss M. Yuen; St. Andrew's Church, Rev. W. Walton Rogers, Mr. Stapleton, and Miss Sawyer; Educational, Rev. W. T. Featherstone and Miss Atkins; Missions to Seamen, Rev. G. T. Waldegrave and Mr. L. Forster; St. John's Cathedral, Rev. H. Copley Moyle, Mrs. J. R. Wood and Mr. H. R. Phillips; Chinese Church Body, Rev. S. K. Y. Lee, Miss F. C. Woo, Mr. Woo Yee-tung and Dr. Chau Wei-cheung.

AT THE QUEEN'S.

"SALLY, IRENE AND MARY" TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

A flame with two moths attracted toward it, is the way Edmund Goulding sees his three leading characters in "Sally, Irene and Mary."

"Sally," says Goulding, "is the brightly burning flame."

"She attracts Irene and Mary, two little moths from the east side of New York, who would like to follow in her footsteps."

"But one poor little moth meets a sudden death and the other is glad to return to her east side surroundings and to Jimmy Dugan, her Irish lover."

Constance Bennett is cast as Sally, while Joan Crawford and Sally O'Neil play Irene and Mary, respectively.

William Haines has the leading male role, that of Jimmy Dugan. The picture is based on the famous Broadway musical comedy success of the same name written by Edward Dowling. The three central characters of the story, those mentioned in the title, are celebrities on the musical comedy stage. From childhood they have been friends, and fate has decreed that they all shine in the same production.

Edmund Goulding directed the picture from his own screen version of the stage hit.

"DULCY"

CONSTANCE TALMADGE AT STAR.

Constance Talmadge's latest First National comedy, "Dulcy," now showing at the Star Theatre, is a scintillating picture based upon the successful New York stage play of the same name by George Kaufman and Marc Connelly.

"Dulcy" furnishes Constance Talmadge with just the type of play the public demands of her. Much thought was given to selection of stories for the popular star because it was realised that a close bond of sympathy exists between Miss Talmadge and her faithful followers.

That the production is an excellent one in every way is indicated by the carefully chosen cast and the persons who produced it. Sidney Franklin directed "Dulcy," from the continuity by Anita Loos and John Emerson. The entire resources of the Schenck organization were placed at Mr. Franklin's disposal during the making of "Dulcy" and no efforts were spared to make this comedy surpass Constance Talmadge's past achievements.

Others in the cast are Jack Mulhall, Claude Gillingwater, May Wilson, Johnny Harrison, Anne Cornwall, Frederick Esmelton, Andre de Beranger, Gilbert Douglas and Milla Davenport.

PEACE EFFORTS FAIL.

New York, March 7.

The Liberal Peace Delegation from Managua, which is accompanied by two American marine officers and protected by the Stars and Stripes, conferred at Mayaguez on Thursday in an effort to end hostilities. The Delegation has returned to the capital as all efforts to persuade General Moncada, the Liberal military leader, to accept peace have failed.

Moncada, explained that he was under orders from the Liberal President, Sucasana.—Reuter's American Service.

WORLD THEATRE.

"THE SHOCK PUNCH" TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

Richard Dix has the role of a young man who has lightning in his fists in "The Shock Punch," directed by Paul Sloane from John Monk Saunders' "Liberty Magazine" story.

The story has to do with a young millionaire who dreads the thought of getting "soft" and hires a couple of professional pugilists to keep him in trim. The action starts with the first scene, and doesn't let up for a minute.

Frances Howard is the girl in the case. She is the daughter of a building contractor who likes Dix but doesn't take to his fistful accomplishments and tells him that if he wants to stay in good with her he'll have to tone down a bit.

Walter Long has the role of "Bull" Mularkey in the production, while Pierce is played by Charles Beyer. "Gunboat" Smith is Dix's trainer. Others in the cast include Paul Panzer, Theodore Babcock, as the star's father; Percy Moore as old man Clark, and Jack Scannell.

PORTUGUESE AVIATORS.

Casablanca, Feb. 23. Stormy weather continues to delay the start of the Portuguese round-the-world flight under Commander Sarmiento Soares. All preparations have been made for a non-stop flight to Pernambuco, the thing which the Marquis de Pinedo tried to do and failed.—United Press.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

March 8—Queen's Theatre: "Sally, Irene, Mary."

March 8—World Theatre: "The Shock Punch."

March 8—Star Theatre: Constance Talmadge in "Dulcy."

March 9—Kowloon British School Former Pupils' Association's fancy dress dance at the school, 9 p.m.

March 12—Dance at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

March 17—Musical at Helena May Institute.

March 19—The Hong Kong A.D.C.'s 1st performance at Theatre Royal of "Last of Mrs. Cheyne" the latest farce from London.

March 14—Kowloon Cricket Club annual tennis tournament.

March 19 & 20—Inaugural Race Meeting of the International Race and Recreation Club of Macao Ltd.

March 10—Meeting of Marine Engineers' Guild of China, Hong Kong branch, 67, Des Voeux Road, Central, 5 p.m.

March 15—Mid-Level Residents' Assn. Meeting, Ladies' Recreation Club.

March 23—Fifth annual meeting of H.K. Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd., Messrs. Shewan Tomes & Co., Ltd., 11.30 a.m. Lammert's Auction.

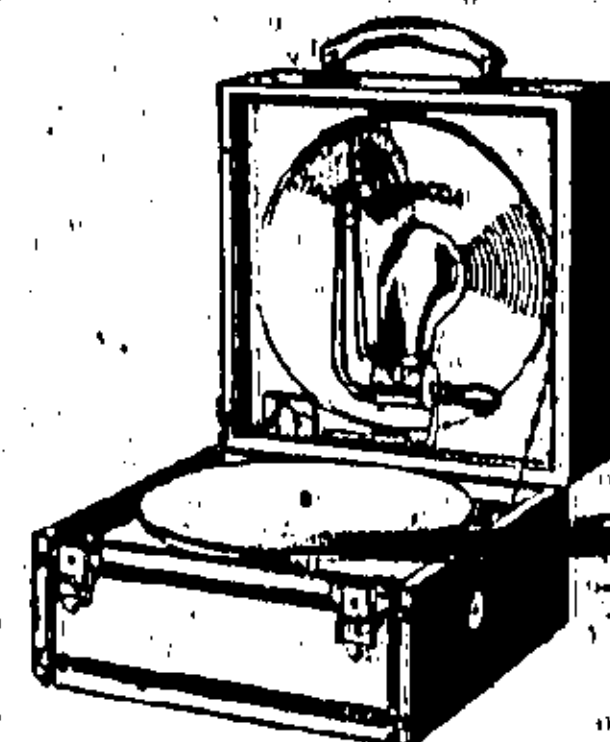
March 12—At Messrs. Lammert Bros. Sales Room, jewellery, removed from the Wang Cheong Hing Kee Shop of No. 8, Lyndhurst Terrace, 11 a.m.

March 8—"Monster" All-Day Working Party at St. Andrew's Church Hall, in aid of London Mission Hospital, of Hong Kong, commencing 9 a.m.

March 10—Flower Show at Volunteer Headquarters, 3 to 7 p.m.

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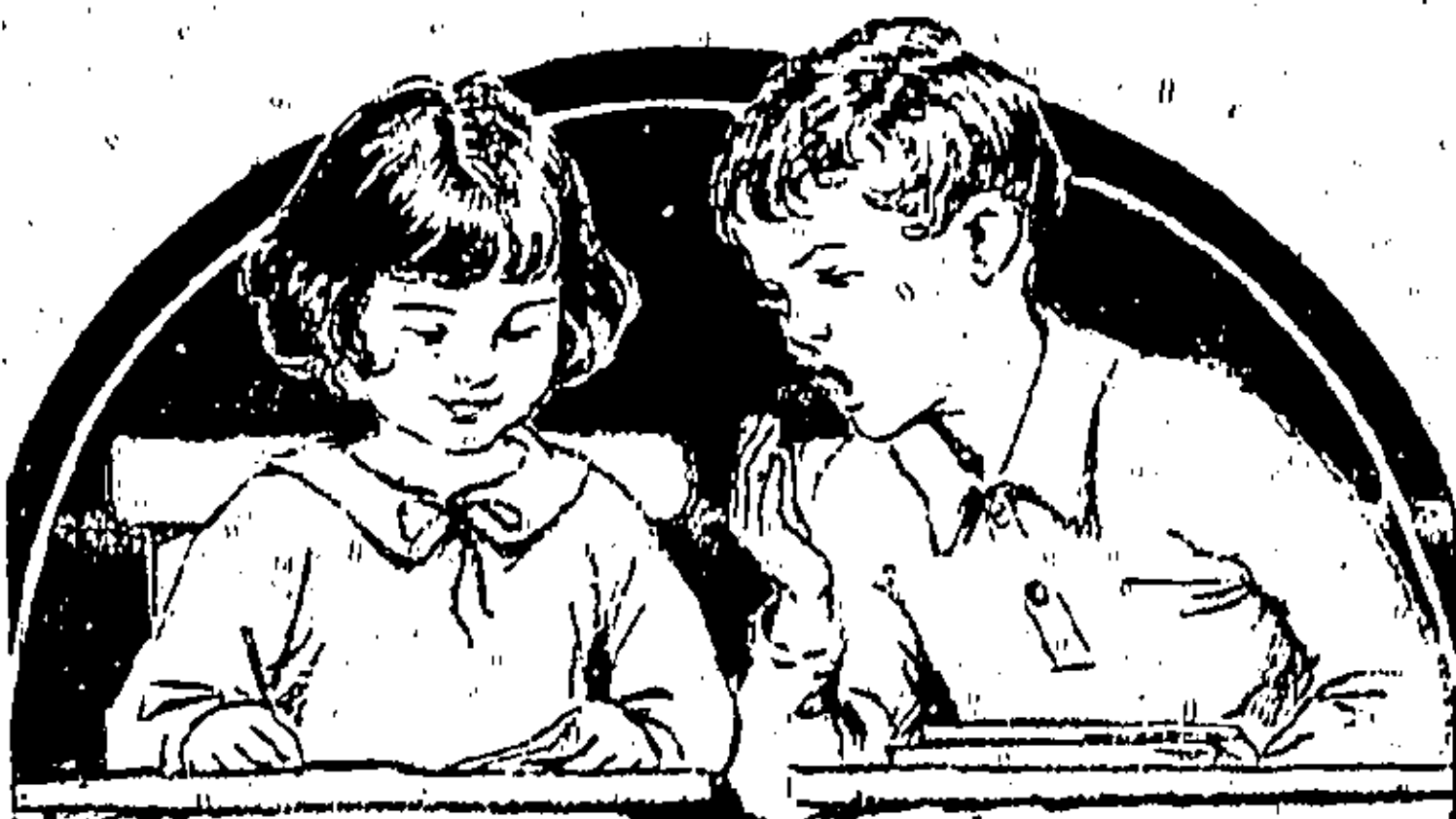
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

The annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd., is advertised in this issue, will be held on March 23.

A varied programme of the latest fox-trots, waltz and one-step music was gone through at the "Hermes" dance at the Hotel Savoy last night when a large company, many in fancy costume, spent a most enjoyable time. Prizes were awarded for the best costumes.

Dancers in evening dress helped to fight the fire which badly damaged the Grosvenor Hotel, Shaftesbury, Dorset, one of the most famous hotels in the Hardy country. Much valuable and ancient furniture was saved but the ballroom was burnt out.

In spite of the general unrest of these trying times, it is interesting to note that confidence in Shanghai is still high. Real estate transactions for land in the settlement show this in a remarkable way. A few days ago Messrs. Brandt & Rodgers, Ltd. paid for Consular transfer fees alone in one deal a sum of \$3,546 relative to land worth well over \$1,000,000, excluding buildings thereon.

The Queen has acquired the first model of a new pattern "Toby Jug" which is being produced by a society of disabled ex-Service men known as the Ashstead Potters. The jug, which has been modelled by Mr. Percy Metcalfe, is a representation of the Prime Minister, Mr. Baldwin, who is shown in characteristic guise holding a pipe. The jug, standing 7½ inches high, bears round its rim facsimile signatures of Mr. Baldwin and the artist. The "first edition" is limited to 1,000 and is obtainable from Ashstead Pottery, Surrey, in various colours at a cost of £1 each.

It is the habit of people to overvalue their possessions, and one need attribute nothing worse than simplicity to Moccio, the Southern Italian clerk who has been offering what he claimed to be the original source of the four Gospels to Mr. Henry Ford for two million dollars. An amusing story is told of Moccio's efforts and explanations, and of the patiently invented interpolations in this apparently modern and possibly recent copy, in the Wardour Street style, of extracts from the Gospels according to St. Luke. In this case the document has at least come into the light of day; but the affair seems likely to be much less interesting than that of the lost books of Livi which excited and disappointed the world not so many months ago.

Attractive little calendars are to be had from the American Insurance Company, Newark, New Jersey, for whom Messrs. J. M. da Rocha & Co. are agents in Hong Kong.

Acting on instruction received from the Registrar, Supreme Court, Messrs. Lammer Bros. will sell by public auction at their salesroom at 11 a.m. on Saturday, a quantity of jewellery removed from the Wang Cheong Hing Kee Shop of No. 8, Lyndhurst Terrace.



Swami Yogananda, of India, founder of "Yogoda," a system for "physical, mental and spiritual perfection" through concentration and meditation, who is the latest vogue. The Swami is showing people how to get physical exercise without moving, simply by thinking, and is making them "lifeless" by arousing their consciousness of the life force which flows constantly.

With the object of running in Hong Kong a Chinese restaurant on similar lines to that which was such a successful feature of the Wembley Exhibition, a block of buildings in the Central part of the City (No. 26 Des Voeux Road, Central) has recently changed hands in favour of a syndicate which managed the Chinese restaurant at the British Empire Exhibition. Reconstruction work will be put in hand shortly. Messrs. A. Jack were the previous owners. They will continue to carry on business on the ground floor.

All letters to and from Shanghai are to be censored by the agents of Gen. Li Pao-chang, the defence commissioner, by order of the Allied Command. Any offender, whether he be Chinese or foreigner, who attempts to spread rumours through the post, detrimental to the Allied cause, will be tried according to martial law, says this order.

"If there is anything indecent in this poster I will give up theatrical posters and paint stained glass windows," said Mr. E. B. Kensella, of Hove, the artist who drew the poster advertising the play, "Broadway," which was banned by the London Poster Advertising Association. The poster represents a dancing girl with a Hawaiian straw skirt.

Mr. H. Sprules, of Finsbury Park, who had been a pensioner of the Metropolitan Police for forty years, and whose funeral took place in mail week, was formerly stationed at the House of Lords. Of his four sons who also joined the force, one served in the South African War and died from the effects of wounds; another fought in the Great War and was fatally gassed; and a third son is a constable in the F division. The youngest is Inspector Percy Sprules, of Bow Street, who has become qualified for promotion to the rank of sub-divisional inspector.

A gossip writer who has been adding up the number of practising writers of fiction in the Royal Navy has come to the conclusion that there are only four of any note, observes a contributor to the "Manchester Guardian." This, he considers, is very few to be produced from a profession which ought to supply its members with more material for yarns of adventure than most. But, after all, Britain's bulwarks are not supposed to be a training school for novelists. There was once a rumour that Colonel Lawrence had rejoined the army in order to get the time and quietness to write a book. But nothing of that kind has ever been hinted about the R.M. It would be a nice thing if our gossip writer's suggestion were taken seriously and nothing was heard from the wardroom but the steady tap-tap of typewriters turning out best-sellers. Imagine the Admiral bawling "Ahoy, there! Just tell Mr. Smithers to come aloft and belay the binnacle" (or words to that effect), only to receive the message, "Beg pardon, sir, but Mr. Smithers says will you please belay the thing yourself, sir—he's just rescuing his heroine from the King of the Cannibal Islands, and there's a publisher's man waiting in a dinghy alongside for the copy."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

On Sunday last, the first Sunday in Lent, the Bishop of Victoria, ordained as priest, in St. John's Cathedral Hong Kong, the Rev. James F. The preacher was the Rev. S. K. Y. Lee, of St. Stephen's Church, Hong Kong.

The wedding is announced to take place shortly, of Mr. Walter Charles Clark, assistant manager of the Hong Kong Telephone Co., to Miss Evelyn Winifred Thompson, residing at No. 22, Broadwood Road.

Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, is planning to spend part, at least, of the London season with her daughter, Lady May Cambridge (says the "Sunday Chronicle"). Lady May is twenty-one this month and the too-knowing folk will, I suppose, again get busy with her matrimonial affairs. This jolly, laughter-loving girl is one of the Queen's favourite nieces, and, like her cousin, Princess Mary, is well trained in things domestic.

Those who know the Prince of Wales best realise how deeply he is interested in agriculture and farming generally, so that his latest purchase of a small farm of about a hundred and twenty acres near Nottingham comes as no surprise (says the "Sunday Chronicle"). His other farm at the little village of Stoke Climsland, on the fringe of Dartmoor, is a very paying investment indeed, just now, and his herd of shorthorn cattle there is one of the finest in the country at the present day.

The official announcement was made of an engagement which has been the talk of busybodies for some months past. It is that of Miss Mary Ashley and Captain Cunningham Reid, M.P. The fiancée is a sister of Lady Louis Mountbatten and a daughter of Colonel Wilfred Ashley. She is tall and slim, and possesses great charm of manner (says the "Daily Express"). The fortune which Miss Ashley will inherit from her grandfather, Sir Ernest Cassel, is, of course, considerable, but will not be so great as that of her sister, to whom fell most of her grandfather's houses and estates. Captain Cunningham Reid was A.D.C. to General Sir John Saldome during part of the war, and is well-known as a young man about town.

The Prince of Wales had a great reception in the East End of London, when he opened on Feb. 24 the John T. Benn Hostel and Milner Hall, Stepney, a home and a club for working as well as destitute boys.



Prince William of Sweden, son of the reigning monarch and brother of Prince Gustavus, heir apparent to the throne, who is on a lecture tour, telling his audiences about his hunting trips.

Mrs. Jenkinson, who has been Manageress of the Peak Hotel for the past four years and is now retiring, was presented with a cheque by residents of the hotel last evening as a mark of their esteem and goodwill. The presentation was made by Mr. E. Ralphs who referred in appreciative terms to the way in which Mrs. Jenkinson had always striven to secure the successful and smooth working of the hotel and the comfort of the guests. Mrs. Jenkinson is leaving the hotel and the Colony of Victoria, British Columbia, to-morrow and intends to settle down in Victoria, British Columbia.

Mr. A. H. Ferguson, local manager of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China is going on home leave. During his absence Mr. J. R. George will take charge of the office here.

Blue, her favourite colour, has been chosen by the Duchess of York for her boudoir in her new home in Piccadilly, and the same colour is to predominate in the principal drawing-room (says the "Evening Standard"). At White Lodge the drawing-room floor was covered with a dead black carpet, but the Duchess has decided against this as being unsuitable to London.

The Duchess of York will wear during her Australian tour one hat that is trimmed at the side with shell flowers which will not tarnish and which no rain will spoil (says the "Sunday Express"). For some time Lady Susan Birch has endeavoured to introduce this dainty shellwork into use; it lends itself best to formal decorations, but there is no reason why it should not prove admirable as a hat trimming.

According to current gossip about the Court, the King is contemplating elevating his son-in-law, Viscount Lascelles, to the House of Lords as a peer in his own right (says the "Sunday Chronicle"). This will involve no change in either Lord Lascelles's rank or title, but the title will become an actual one, instead of merely one of courtesy as at present. It is, of course, nothing uncommon for father and son to sit in the House of Lords at the same time, as will then be the case.

The following deaths were announced at Home in mail week:—Mr. James H. Blake, clerk to the Llanelli (Carmarthenshire) Rural District Council and Guardians, aged 69; Mr. Samuel Wassall, who as a private in the 80th Regiment won the Victoria Cross for saving a comrade's life at Jandhiwana in 1870 during the Zulu War; at Barrow-in-Furness, aged 70; Sir Henry Brett, principal proprietor of the "Star" newspaper, Auckland, New Zealand, and pioneer of illustrated weekly newspapers in Australasia, a native of St. Leonards, Sussex, at Auckland, aged 83; Mr. George Byron Gordon, head of the University of Pennsylvania's joint expedition with the British Museum for the excavation of Uq of the Chaldeans in Mesopotamia, at Philadelphia, aged 56; and Rev. Charles Owen French, vicar of Putney, Leeds, for 21 years, who was found dead in bed, aged 86.

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SPORTS SECTION

K'LOON MARATHON.

RESULT OF A GREAT RACE.

NEWCOMER'S SUCCESS.

The sixth annual open marathon race of the St. Andrew's Young Men's Club was run off in Kowloon yesterday afternoon and won by Pte. Cranston, K.O.S.B., who ran his first long-distance race in Hong Kong. At the finish Rev. G. H. Lindsay described the race as the most successful ever run on the Peninsula. The number of competitors (200) was a record for this event. Mr. W. S. Bailey started the race outside St. Andrew's Church at 4.30 p.m., the runners being lined up four deep. High Hobden and Newman, last year's winners again faced the starter and this gave enough promise of an exciting race. Pte. Cranston got away to a good start and immediately took the lead. He ran a steady, well-planned race increasing his lead considerably after passing the Kowloon Hospital. Newman, the nearest man being 200 yards behind. He was a good second well ahead of the rest of the pack. Hobden followed strongly in third place but was passed by Atterton in Kowloon. Atterton developed a great pace after the start and his place was taken by A. K. White. Cranston maintained a quarter mile lead until turning into Nathan Road, when Newman rapidly closed up the gap. He had to give a distance to cover, however, and Cranston broke the tape over half a minute before Newman. Corp. Stoner made a fine sport and beat A. B. White for 3rd place.

At the conclusion Mrs. Bailey distributed the prizes.

The first five competitors to finish were—

1. Pte. Cranston, K.O.S.B. (cup presented by Mr. W. S. Bailey). Time: 24 mins. 11.2 sec.
2. Gannor Newman, R.A. (cup presented by Mr. R. M. Byer). Time: 25 mins. 52 sec.
3. Corp. Stoner, H. M. S. Frigate. (cup presented by Col. Robertson). Time: 25 mins. 53 sec.
4. A. B. White, H.M.S. "Hornet". (cup presented by the Club). Time: 26 mins. 43 sec.
5. Pte. Barras, K.O.S.B. (cup presented by the Club). Time: 26 mins. 43 sec.

Last year's time was 34 mins. 54 seconds, while the fastest time hitherto was done by A. Muir in 1921 when he covered the distance in 30 mins. 32 sec.

TENNIS.

TWO MATCHES YESTERDAY.

Only two out of the five tennis fixtures were played off yesterday afternoon, walk-overs being given in the other three.

Hung Hui-chen won from F. B. Grosse after a hard fought 5-set game.

H. Akiyama scored a 3 straight set victory over G. Miskin.

Results.

Hung Hui-chen beat F. B. Grosse 3-6, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3, 6-2.

H. Akiyama beat G. Miskin 7-5, 6-3, 9-7.

H. D. Rummah w.o. from H. Untero.

Lo Ho w.o. from St. Fujita.

T. Edo w.o. from A. B. Raworth.

To-day's matches.

The following matches in the Open Singles are due to be played to-day:

Major W. E. Stevenson v. S. A. Hussain.

S. A. Hussain v. W. B. Cornaby.

J. A. Cassimberry v. T. Sajiki.

L. M. Ruzack v. S. E. Green.

T. Honda v. Capt. E. H. Howard.

HOCKEY.

CLUB V. K.O.S.B. TO-MORROW.

The following will represent the Club 1st XI against the K.O.S.B. to-morrow at 5.15 p.m. sharp on the U.S.R.C. ground—S. H. Garrod, A. A. Dand, L. R. Duncan, the Rev. N. Evans, E. J. R. Mitchell (captain), Major J. P. S. Reid, R. E. R. K. Valentine, W. Woodward, Capt. J. H. C. Walker, R.A.M.C., Capt. E. Jacobs Larkcom, R.E., and G. P. Lammert.

The Scottish Football Association is looking seriously into the matter of iron judges. It is, in fact, only a matter of a short time before it will be officially decided that their use in future will be imperative. The S.F.A. will recommend this move to the other associations in all likelihood, especially in regard to representative games. Many clubs in England would welcome the innovation.

The experiment of turf wickets in South Africa has not been a success, but with the experience gained the cricketing authorities are making further endeavours to replace the matting wickets. At Durban the turf was a failure, and the players in the Border-Natal match were unanimous in condemnation, while at Cape Town, where climatic conditions are more favourable, the experiment was partially successful, and hopes are high that turf wickets will be the order of the day in the near future.

JACK DEMPSEY.

TO BEGIN TRAINING AT ONCE.

TEX RICKARD'S HOPES.

New York, March 7. Jack Dempsey has advised Tex Rickard, the boxing promoter, that he will begin training immediately, although uncertain whether he will fight again. He will decide shortly.

Tex Rickard hopes to match him against the Basque wood-chopper Pauline Macdonald, the winner of which contest will be matched against the winner of the Maloney-Sharkey bout fixed up for May 19 in the Yankee stadium for the purpose of deciding a challenger to Tunney. Reuter's American Service.

HOME FOOTBALL.

WESTHAM BEAT ARSENAL.

Playing in the first league during the week-end Westham beat the Arsenal by the big score of 7 goals to nil.

ASSOCIATION CUP.

Semi-final Draw.

The draw for the Association Cup semi-finals to be played off on Saturday, March 26 is as follows:—

Winner of Millwall-Southampton replay to meet the Arsenal, and winner of Chelsea-Cardiff replay to meet Reading at Wolverhampton.

The return matches are necessary because the teams played drawn games last Saturday.

ALL BUT CRICKET.

ABOUT SPORT TO-DAY IN GERMANY.

London. "I was pleasant, surprised to find the Cologne fortifications transformed into playing fields on which all games but cricket were indulged in," said Mr. W. P. McElhone, ex-Lord Mayor of Sydney, and president of the N.S.W. Cricket Association, who returned from the Continent.

"The local Athletic Association," he added, "is considering my suggestion to start cricket. I think it would be better for the world if the Germans were cricket enthusiasts. Bavarians and Saxons are better sportsmen than Prussians. Temperamentally they are excellently suited for cricket."

He humorously remarked: "Under the system of attracting players from abroad we might get bowlers from Germany."

RAPID RISE.

GREAT SWIM: POVERTY TO AFFLUENCE.

Los Angeles.—From a coating of axle-grease, George Young, the Canadian youth who successfully accomplished the Catalina Channel swim, will now appear in grease-paint contrivances for the movies, calculated to net him \$20,000 in the next few months.

This amazing youth will get \$200 a night for theatre appearances for the next fortnight. Then he will go to Hollywood in pursuit of fortune.

A tremendous welcome awaits Young on his return to Toronto.

When he reached Los Angeles a few weeks ago he had only 2s. 6d. in his pocket.

Several prominent Rugby footballers were in the regiments for Shanghai. J. R. B. Morton, England's scrum half against Wales, and J. W. Clinch, the well-known Irish forward, are both in the 1st Middlesex Regiment. In the same battalion is C. W. Haydon, the speedy wing three-quarter, who has often turned out for the Harlequins, while among the officers of the two Border regiments ordered abroad are F. J. Chambers, of Rosslyn Park, and late of the Royal Air Force, and K. L. Herkert, of the London Scottish. Richmond will lose W. A. G. Douglas, who is in the 1st Devons.

Lord Hawke's remarks about W. M. Popeford and Lancashire recall the fact that the present county cricket champions have been largely indebted for their success in recent years to players who were not Lancastrians by birth. W. R. Cutwell (Yorkshire), Mold (Northamptonshire), S. F. Barnes (Staffordshire), Parkin (Durham), L. O. S. Polderis, Kermode, and Macdonald (Australia) are a few of the "importations" who have played prominent parts in Lancashire cricket. J. M. Blancheberg, the South African all-rounder, now engaged in Lancashire League cricket, will probably play for Lancashire in the near future, too.

ROUGH PLAY.

A GROWING FOOTBALL EVIL.

SOME UNRULY SPECTATORS.

Unpleasant incidents having crept up in connection with the extension of rough play in football, the following analysis by Mr. Jack Boyer, the youngest "soccer" director at Home, should serve as a word of warning to all concerned.

The regrettable series of incidents both in League and Cup football which have occurred recently have been viewed with grave concern by the governing bodies. Followers of the game can take it for granted that the Football Association will take steps effectually to stamp out this unpleasant state of affairs.

The offences may be divided into two categories—those committed by the players themselves on the field of play, and those for which the thinking selfish spectator is concerned.

Men Ordered Off.

I say selfish because the action of a few spectators in misbehaving themselves often leads to the closing of the club's ground by the governing body while the culprits themselves go scot-free.

In the first round of the Cup-ties we read of incidents of unfair play, with the inevitable result of men being ordered by the referee to the pavilion.

For the good of the game this has got to be stopped if the football of the country is not to be allowed to deteriorate because a few individual members cannot play the game.

Many leading writers have recently condemned the action of a number of our officials in charge, whose method is to call the players together when a game has the appearance of degenerating into a rough hockey and deliver a serious lecture which finishes with the warning that the first man deliberately to offend after the caution will leave the field.

Referee's Trying Position.

The position of referee is a very trying one under these conditions. It is argued that by calling all the players together the referee is cautioning some members who may be innocent.

Each Saturday we have learned of players being ordered off the field, and in many cases famous names are involved, although the case of Davies, West Bromwich Albion's forward, consisted of disobeying the official and not of foul play.

Scotland, too, has had her share of unsatisfactory incidents on the field, culminating in the case where a famous goalkeeper and a great scoring centre forward were given marching orders in the same match.

The spirit of the Cup always calls for that little bit of extra effort, but there is no earthly reason why the play should not be carried out in a healthy, clean manner.

The Man, Not The Ball.

I was present at an amateur professional tie match the other week where some of the players were deliberately playing the man and not the ball. The result was that a game which had started in a most refreshing manner deteriorated in the closing stages on account of the tactics to which some of the players stooped.

The fault lay both sides—so much so that it gave food for thought whether these paid versus unpaid cup-ties are doing as much good for the game as they are supposed to be doing.

On the other hand, it has been the action of Mr. Andy Rastoun, the secretary of the London Celtic, in writing to the directors of the Luton club thanking them, their players, and their spectators for a really fine sporting game! This is the sort of football the public want to see.

"If you take the careers of our great international players you will find that those are the men whose records are irreproachable, men who have got there by their fair yet firm methods."

Play In True Sense.

The Football Association, too, will never consider the claims of a player for the highest honours unless he plays the game in the true sense of the word.

There is the case of a certain player who would walk into the all-England side if it were not for his occasional lapses of "bad temper."

To return to the unthinking and sometimes unruly spectator. Let us hope it is merely that his red-hot partisanship carries him away to such an extent that he forgets himself rather than that he is a poor sportsman.

The fact remains, however, that the behaviour of the crowds at some recent matches has been very unsatisfactory.

The officials may do everything in their power to preserve law and order, but the action of an individual in invading the field of play or throwing a missile immediately places the club under the ban of the Football Association, with frequently far-reaching results.

Crowd and The Big Back.

I was present at a match the other day where the left back of the visitors was a fellow of huge proportions, and as so often happens the winger opposed to him was a midget. For some unknown reason the crowd started to "barack" this full back in a most unsportsmanlike manner, so much so that if he had lost his head he really would have been understandable.

However, he took no notice of the jeers of the crowd, and after the game I felt I would like to congratulate the player on the great tact he employed only to find I was forewarned by the referee.

At some of the great London side grounds are to be found that most impartial crowds in the country, for, apart from the followers of the visiting side who happen to live in the capital, there is always a public who are just present in order to watch the game as an exhibition, and really do not mind which side is successful as long as they have their value for money.

Cheers For Opponents.

When visiting teams score on grounds like Stamford Bridge or Highbury the cheering might easily be mistaken for a success for the home side. On the other hand, there are still many enclosures where a sea of opposition is received in silence.

It is to be hoped that management will quickly take in hand the question of the unruly spectator, or, failing that, when the emergency arises they may find themselves in a very unhappy position.

For the game to go on apace and in order that Great Britain can still be regarded as the leading football playing country these incidents, so foreign to our ideals, must go.

There is no doubt that with the enormous growth of the game in Europe and America there is sure to be keen foreign competition abroad for the right to be styled champions.

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OLYMPIC GAMES.

THE DUTCH COMMITTEE'S COMMUNIQUE.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR 1928.

The Dutch Olympic Committee at Amsterdam has forwarded the following communiqué relating to the grounds and the new stadium to be used for the International Olympic Games the construction work of which is now progressing.

The grounds, where in 1928 the Olympic Games will be held, cover an area of 40 acres (including grounds for training and motor-car parking, 128 acres) and is situated in the Southern part of central Amsterdam.

Many tram-lines, which will be extended to pass near the Stadium, will bring visitors within twenty minutes to the centre of the Dutch capital. The large area for the parking of motor-cars with its own repair shops and boxes is able to accommodate 4,000 private cars.

Other Buildings.

Besides the Main Stadium there will be a swimming stadium, a pavilion for fencing, and one for other indoor sports, a cricket ground and somewhere a quiet corner a lawn tennis-stadium (3 central—and 10 other hard courts). Further, a post office will be erected and a large Exhibition Hall for the "Concours d'Art," with a garden where sculpture will be exhibited.

The chief building, the grand Stadium, planned by the architect J. Wils, will accommodate 40,000 visitors. There are about 20,000 seats and half of them will be covered.

The whole building is 235 yards in length and 185 yards in depth. Not less than 4,500 piles varying in length from 12 to 16 yards, have had to be driven into the soft ground.

600 Seats for the Press.

Building in Holland is not quite so easy, as the surface has to be raised about 6 feet for which work a million cubic yards of sand have had to be distributed.

In the centre of the Stadium lies the football ground of international dimensions. Around it there will be a rider racing track (436 yards in length and nearly 9 yards across) similar to that in Colombia. Round the race course the cycling track will be constructed, which will be the same width, but will be 545 yards long. A kind of deep gutter between the track and the spectators will prevent umbrellas etc., from falling on the track, and iron railings will protect visitors against accidents.

The competitors will be seated near the finish and the Press will be excellently accommodated opposite the finish; 600 seats are reserved for press representatives. There will also be a large telegraph room and 45 telephone cabins.

Permanent Smoke Column.

Though the Stadium itself is made from concrete, a wall in typical Dutch red bricks will surround the whole. The two covered stands are in the centre. One contains the Royal and other official boxes and under the other stand lies the Marathon gate.

There will also be Marathon tower (150 feet high) bearing in top a large plate, from which a permanent smoke column will mount to the skies during games. Left of the Marathon tower will be erected the monument to the memory of the late F. W. C. H. Baron van Tuyll van Serooskerken, the first President of the Dutch Olympic Committee.

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WHEN IT'S WAR.

FAST POWERS FOR THE STATE.

DRASTIC FRENCH LAWS.

Paris, March 7. The Chamber of Deputies adopted by 500 to 31 votes the National Defence Bill, providing that in war time all French nationals, without distinction of sex or age and all legally constituted bodies are obliged to participate either as combatants or non-combatants in the maintenance of France's material and moral life.

The Government is empowered to mobilise the country's entire human and material resources under the supreme direction of the Premier. Every man up to forty will have to serve at the front. The Government will have general rights of requisition, thus guarding against profiteering.—Reuter.

FILLIP TO TRADE.

SUCCESS OF THE BRITISH FAIRS.

Rugby, March 7. It was stated in the House of Commons to-day that the number of buyers who visited the London section of the British Industries Fair was 74,492 of whom 1,500 came from overseas.

These figures showed an increase of over 25 per cent. on last year. In addition the general public visited the Fair to the number of 25,000 in London and 10,000 in Birmingham.

Exhibitors in all sections of the Fair had expressed themselves as more than satisfied with the business done.—British Wireless Service.

ANOTHER MISHAP.

SEAPLANE FALLS INTO THE SEA.

Monte Video, March 7. One of the United States Air Force seaplanes which is making the 20-thousand mile flight round South America fell into the sea shortly after taking off on the continuation of the flight northwards. There were no casualties.—Reuter's American Service.

INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE.

Rugby, March 7. A two-day conference similar to that held last November between British and German industrial organizations began this morning in London, between British and French industrialists.

There were fifteen representatives on each side.

Sir Max Muspratt, President of the Federation of British Industries, presided over the British section and Duchemin (?) over the French.

The proceedings were private but it is stated that the discussion is following the lines of the agenda for the economic conference at Geneva in May.—British Wireless Service.

WORLD HOAXED.

A MYSTERY "DEAF MUTE."

The mysterious "deaf-mute" of Rotterdam, who caused cables to be sent throughout the world in an endeavour to solve the puzzle of his supposed lost memory, has now confessed that he is an impostor.

Newlove, Horn, or Gordon, as he was called at different times, confessed that he is a Hungarian by birth, and not a British subject, as so often has been stated. He is neither deaf nor dumb, and his memory is in perfect order.

Hiding His Past.

The pantomime show with which he replied to questions relating to his past history was part of a scheme to hide his past.

It is suspected that this man, about whom hundreds of war-bereaved women, including British, wrote inquiring letters, had good reason to be reticent concerning his past, and he will be taken before the Hungarian consul-general for interrogation.

Questions relating to him were asked in Parliament in London recently, and the reply showed that doubts of his nationality existed.

He claimed to have travelled in eleven countries and to have been blown up by an aerial torpedo during the war, since when he could remember nothing.

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H.K. & V. Docks	40 n	37 s 39 s	40 n
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Hongkong Lands	56 n	55 s	55 s
Hongkong Realty	54 b	6 s.	6 s
H.K. Territorial	4½ n	2 s	2 s
Humphreys Estates	12½ b	13 n	13 n
Prince's Building	89 n	87 s.	—
Rural Lands	1½ s	—	—
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Ewo Cottons	\$1.40 b	8 b	8½ s
Oriental	72½ n	2½ b	3 n
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do. (old)	11 n	10½ b	10½ n
do. (new)	734 n	7½ b	8 n
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Dairy Farms	17 sa	17½ b	17½ s
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Hongkong Amusements	18.60 b	18½ n	18½ n
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Hongkong Electrics	55 x d. b	54½ b	55 s
H.K. Ropes (old)	10 s	6 s	7 s
do. (new)	5 s.	1 s	1 s
Hongkong Tramways	21 x d b	21½ x d b	21 x d. s
Lane, Crawfords	8 n	7 s	7 s
Macao Electrics	35 n.	—	—
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Peak Trams (old)	15½ b.	15 b	15 b
do. (new)	8½ b	8 b	8 b
Sinceres	8½ b	9.10 b	9 n
Singapore Trams	11½ s	9½ b	10½ n
Taxis	1 s	70 n.	65 Cts n
United Asbestos	—	600 n	—
do. (Founders) (Ordinary)	20 n.	18 n.	—
Watsons	12½ n	12½ b	13 n
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RADIO TOPICS.

EMPIRE GIRDLE.

FASCINATING WIRELESS PROSPECT.

The fascinating prospect of wireless telephony with all parts of the Empire was discussed by Mr. F. G. Kellaway in an interview with a representative of "The Observer," in which the question was asked whether we shall be able in the near future to talk to Canada and the other Dominions over the short Beam wireless system of the Marconi Company.

"If you ask me," the managing director of the company said, "whether a wireless telephony service over the Beam system between this country and Canada can be established this year, my reply is that there is no technical difficulty whatever. The Post Office engineers are fully alive to this possibility. Discussions, in fact, have already taken place between officials of the Marconi Company and officials of the Post Office, and they have agreed to our making tests on the Canadian circuit."

"Tests have been made during two recent Sundays, when the stations were not so fully occupied as on weekdays with wireless telegraphy, and they demonstrated that a wireless telephony service over the Beam system can be carried on. "Conversations took place between officials of this company and officials of the Canadian Marconi Company for some hours. They were just as clear as conversations over ordinary telephone land lines. They were conducted not only between the station at Bodmin and the corresponding station in Canada, but they were also carried on from Bodmin into the Canadian Marconi Company's office in Montreal."

Small Costs.

"Generally it can be stated that wherever high-speed wireless telegraphy services on the Beam system are established the installations can also be used for wireless telephony services. It will be possible to conduct both a wireless telegraph service and a wireless telephony service simultaneously from the same station by putting in an additional transmitter, the cost of which, with the necessary building, will be comparatively small."

"Will the charges to the public be comparatively small also?" Mr. Kellaway replied. "The lower the capital cost, the lower the charges that can be made to the public. As the official statement issued by the G.P.O. has pointed out, the present charges for the American services have been influenced by the fact that anyone using the service is using equipment of something like one million pounds in capital value."

"I should like to give the assurance," he added, "that the Post Office officials are keenly alive to the great possibilities which the Beam system presents of instituting wireless telephony services between this country and all parts of the Empire. But if you ask me when the services will be commenced I can only say I do not know all the considerations which the Postmaster-General is bound to have in mind. From the technical and practical point of view, I see no reason why such services should not be instituted during the course of the present year, for the wireless telegraph service with Australia will be opened shortly, and that with South Africa and India will follow about March and April in all probability."

"After these services have been started all that will be required to establish wireless telephony with the Empire will be an additional transmitter with the necessary building for each station. I do not wish it to be supposed, however, that the Postmaster-General or anybody else can start a service in the twinkling of an eye, but I am confident it would be possible to do it in the course of the present year."

A possibility of the Royal Tour, "Then, of course, many possibilities would be opened up."

"Yes," said Mr. Kellaway, "the possibilities are simply fascinating. For example, the Duke of York will be opening the new Houses of Parliament in Australia this year. If a wireless telephony service on the Beam system was established, and an hour convenient to each country could be arranged, I can see no technical difficulty in the Duke of York's speech being sent to London by wireless telephony and broadcast by the B.B.C."

"And, similarly, a message from

BROADCASTING.

THE LONG DISTANCE FEVER.

From several sources lately I have had indications that the wild thirst for distant reception among wireless enthusiasts is declining. Says the radio correspondent of the London "Daily Telegraph": "It is stated that listeners, who formerly took delight in listening to any station but their own, are now tiring of the sport, perverse as it may seem now, that heterodyning is on the wane and highly selective sets are cheaper and more easily controlled. Wireless manufacturers report that listeners are now on the whole concentrating more on the quality of reception from the local station. Perhaps the radio searcher's stories of his wonderful etheric hauls, which formerly used to rival fisherman's yarns, are becoming out of date as the selectivity of the average set increases. A more feasible explanation is, however, that wireless set owners have come to the conclusion that foreign programmes are no better than, if as good as, our own. In addition, there is practically no reliability of reception, Morse, atmospherics, and fading causing sufficient trouble, even if heterodyning is gradually being eliminated. As a means of learning foreign languages, foreign stations may still lure British listeners, but at present it seems their charms are wearing badly. During the first few days



Dr. Palmer has invented an "electro-magnetic detector and amplifier," which will replace batteries and vacuum tubes in radio receiving sets as well as make them more sensitive and provide greater range.

of the new wave length scheme, I expected a ferocious chorus of howls from the searching community groping for carrier waves, and was surprised to find so little interference from this source."

In other countries, however, where radio has not yet reached the stage of development it has here, the long distance fever is apparently raging unchecked. I have recently heard from a listener in India who, working an eight valver in a hill station, claims reception from most European broadcasting stations at moderate loud speaker strength. Bourne-mouth can be separated from Bombay by the slightest adjustment of the condenser. As in most tropical regions, atmospherics are troublesome, but less so as the weather turns colder, and fading is usually only of short duration. Afternoon transmissions from E. rope, he claims, can be heard almost any night. Incidentally Mr. Eric Dunstan, the 2LO announcer, who is taking charge of Indian broadcasting, said good-bye to British listeners through the microphone the other night. In a comparatively short time two big modern broadcasting stations will supersede the existing radio clubs in Bombay and Calcutta.

the King," it was suggested, "might be broadcast to Australia?"

"I can see no technical difficulty in that either," Mr. Kellaway said.

With regard to the London-New York telephone service over the Government's high-power system from Rugby, Mr. Kellaway added that "we have watched the experiments with great interest, and we naturally wish well to every development of Senator Marconi's great invention, although naturally we should have preferred that the first transatlantic wireless telephony service to be established should have been between this country and one of her Dominions."

SCHOOLBOYS.

WIRELESS PRESENTS NUISANCE.

Your "schoolboy howler" of today is not the young person who describes the patron saint of Ireland as "Mr. Gladstone" but the lad who has just received his first wireless set.

Thoughtless but benevolent, an uncle gives the boy an oscillating two-valve set not realising that the offering will cause far wider devastation than a bagpipe outfit. His nephew then blasts the broadcast harmony of six or seven parishes by un instructed handling of the new toy. That is what is happening everywhere at present. District after district is suffering from the curse of the schoolboy howler. The young operator knows that if he twiddles a certain knob the set makes a much lovelier row. And the neighbours know it too, for their aerials pick up the whoppers and howls till their loud-speakers yelp in torture.

Daventry will denounce the infant oscillator's street and publish its shame to half the world, but only when a petition of at least half a dozen householders has been signed and presented to the B.B.C. By the time this can be done the originator of the outrage will be back at school and beyond broadcast vengeance.

It would be a kindness if every one who has recently given a wireless set to a child would at once

RADIO IN FUTURE.

Twopence-in-the-Slot Wireless.

London, Feb. 15. "London calling, British Isles, two pence please" may be the radio signal of the future, if the suggested scheme for a twopence-in-the-slot wireless is put into operation.

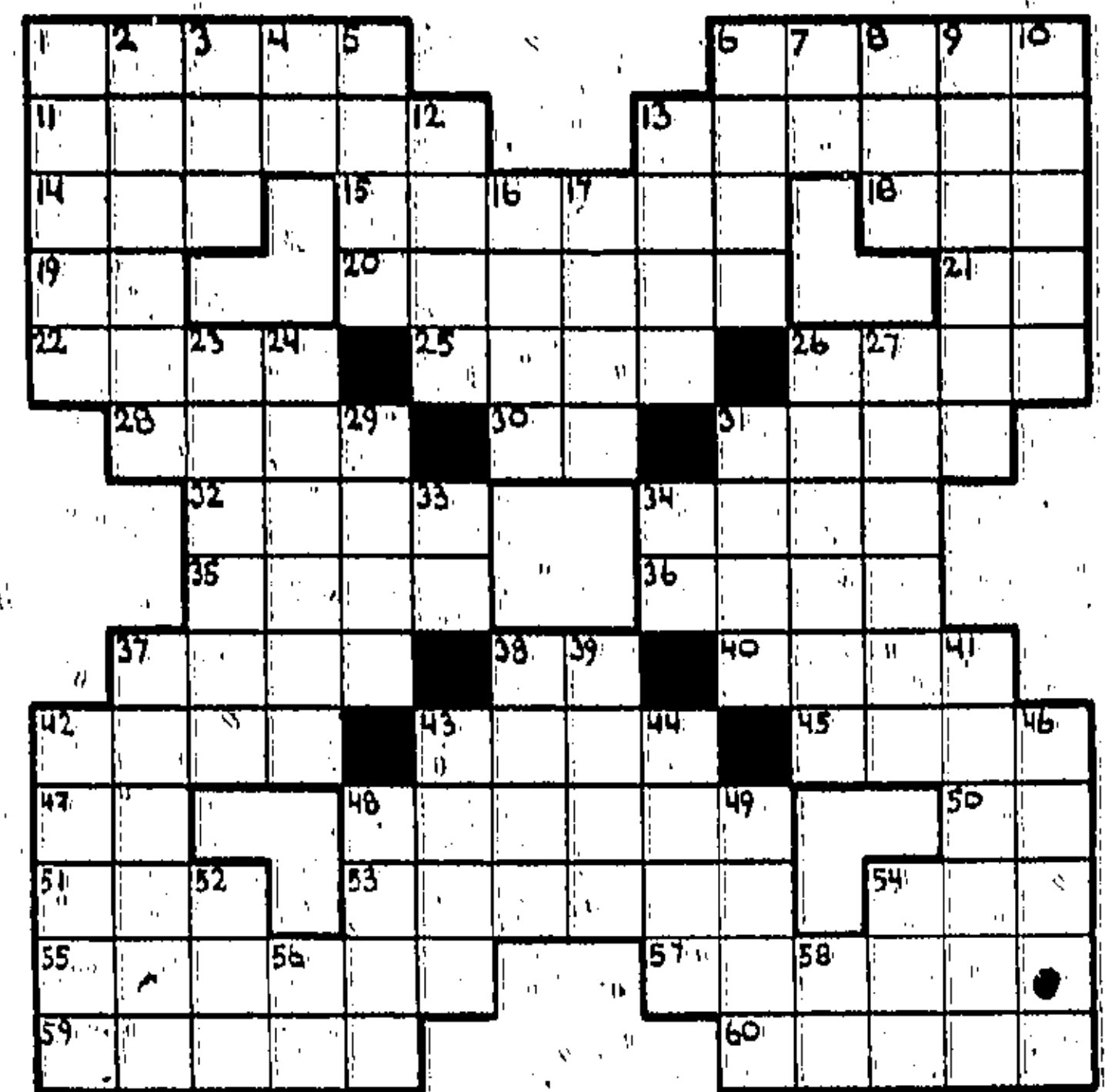
A resident of Weston-super-Mare sent a letter to the Postmaster-General suggesting that the Post Office should provide listening-in rooms, at which the public could hire earphones to listen for a specified time.

The Postmaster-General replied that legislative authority would be necessary before the Post Office could operate the scheme. He does not consider that he would be justified in seeking parliamentary sanction, but no objection would be raised to private individuals exploiting the scheme, provided a radio licence is obtained for every listening-in booth.

A census of 6,000 pupils of secondary schools, taken with a view to finding out their preferences in regard to subjects broadcast, showed, according to Mr. D. H. MacCurtain, of Crewe, that 68 per cent. voted for music (of whom one-third preferred Savoy and other bands), and only 8 per cent. for educational subjects.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(The cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL |
| 1-To choose as one's own | 45-To become enamoured | 17-A fruit |
| 4-Ensnare | 47-Prefix. From | 23-To overelaborate |
| 11-A kind of flannel | 48-An island, same as | 26-Slag |
| 13-A battle-field, Tennessee, U. S. | 50-Battalion (abbr.) | 28-Coarse stuff of jute |
| 14-A diminutive suffix | 51-Wheel-track | 27-Lad (Scot.) |
| 15-Parasit collectively | 52-Walkers | 29-Short sword (Malay) |
| 16-To miss one's aim | 53-Japanese cash | 31-Evil destiny |
| 18-Trinity term (abbr.) | 54-Covertly sarcastic | 32-"For sake of example" (Latin-abbrev.) |
| 20-To prize | 57-The diaphragm | 34-A measure of weight (abbr.) |
| 21-A day of the week (abbr.) | 59-Without life | 37-Highest peak in Europe |
| 22-Vast time-period (pl.) | 60-Winged | 38-Cry of wild geese |
| 25-A food fish | | 39-Manufactured |
| 26-To tattle | VERTICAL | 41-A burrowing rodent |
| 28-To notch | 1-Kenly discerning | 42-A Hindoo outcast |
| 30-Conjunction | 2-Originator of atomic theory | 43-A syman |
| 31-Twofold | 3-A number | 44-Unyielding |
| 32-Clotted blood | 4-Pint (abbr.) | 45-A cutting; implement |
| 34-A ruler | 5-To drink excessively | 46-Stylish |
| 35-A cricket | 6-Personal pronoun | 48-One of the continents |
| 36-Presuming | 7-N. E. State of U. S. (abbr.) | 52-Aiso |
| 37-An ancient country of Greece | 8-A drink | 54-Oris name |
| 38-His Majesty (abbr.) | 9-A gate | 56-Nickel (chem. sym.) |
| 40-More (Scot.) | 10-A bush | 58-Dooliter (abbr.) |
| 42-An excuse | 12-An ending of nouns | |
| 43-To loiter | 13-A vehicle on runners | |
| | 16-A Roman emperor | |

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

STOWAWAYS' FATE.

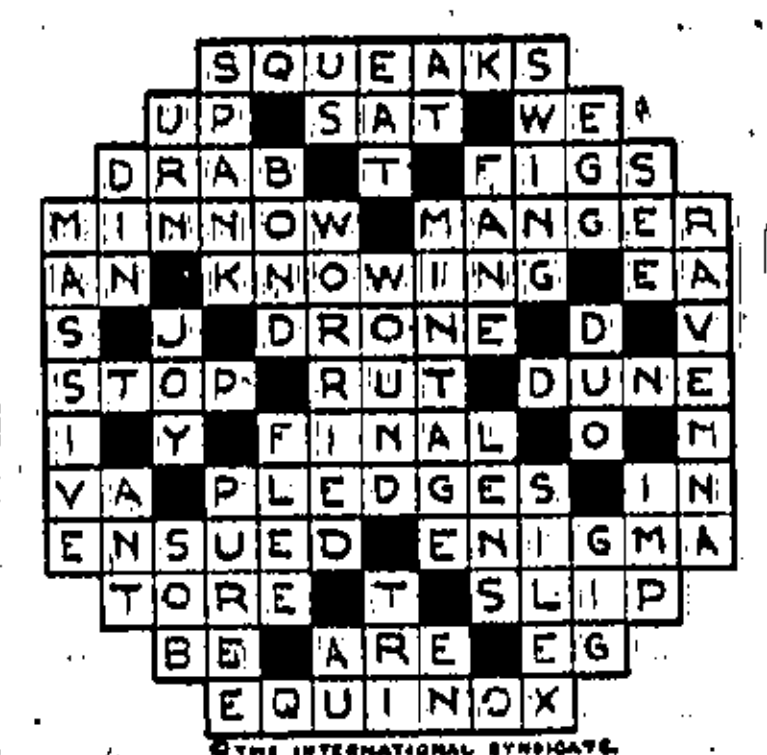
Death From Starvation.

Rome, Feb. 21. The steamship "Adriatic" reached Naples on Saturday from New York with the bodies of two Italian peasants, stowaways, who died from hunger.

They were taken aboard at Naples on the outward journey, it is supposed by stokers, and concealed in the coal bunkers.

When the vessel reached America both were dead. Several arrests were made by the Naples police. Wireless.

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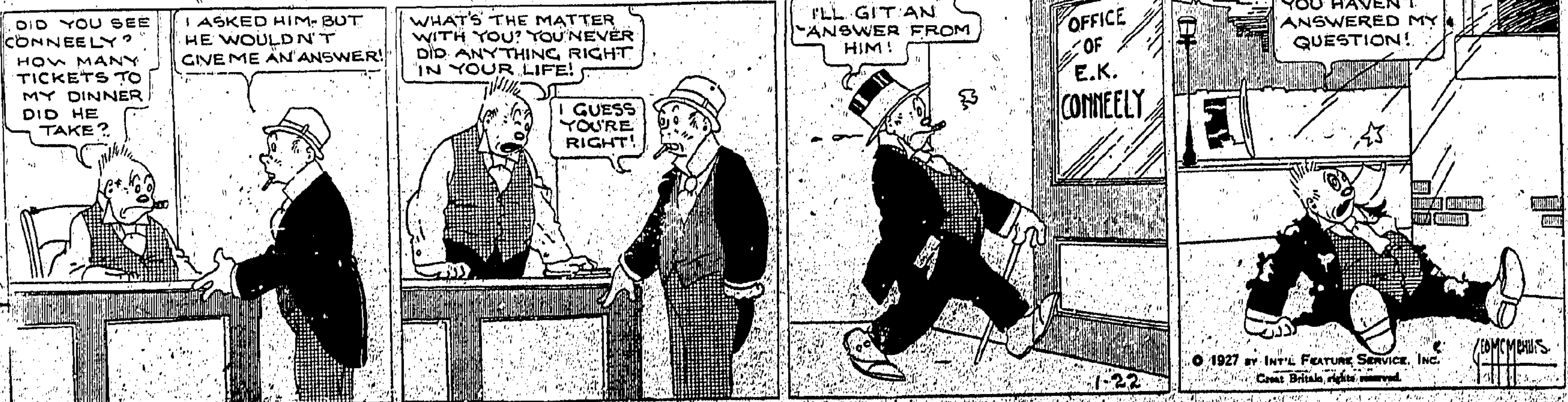
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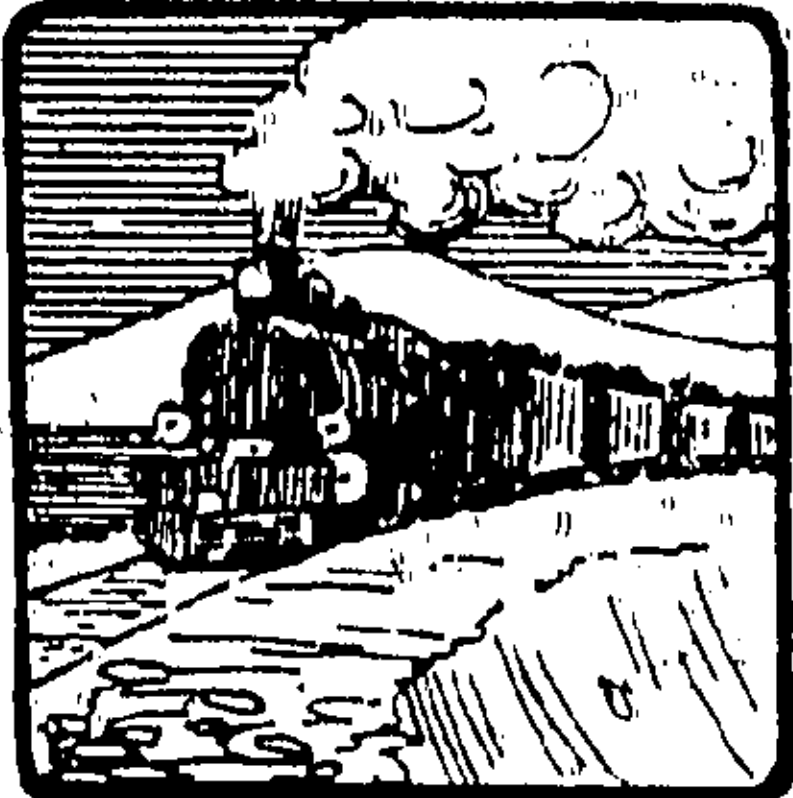
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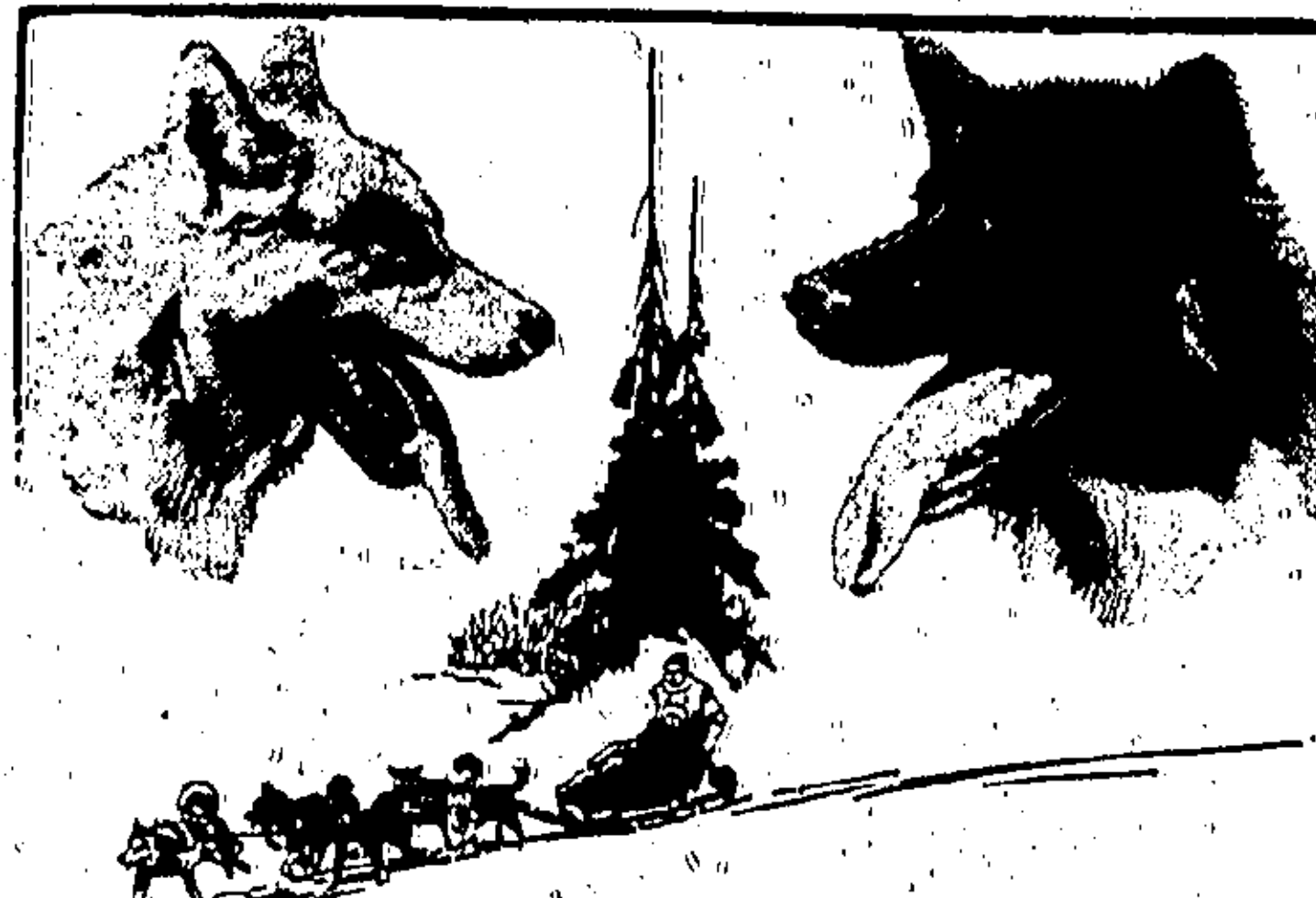
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KAISHA.

**THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.**Cambridge University defeated
the Royal Air Force in a Rugby
match by 25 points to 11.Westminster City Council have
decided not to proceed with the
Pulford Street (Grosvenor Road)
site housing scheme.In a Rugby Union county
championship match at Boscombe,
Hampshire won by 48 points to
none against Sussex.The four-miles-long tramway
track at Walsall to the village of
Walsall Wood is to be scrapped
and a service of motor-omnibuses
introduced.Jack Horner, last year's winner
of the Grand National, entered
for this year's event, finished
third in a three miles steeple-
chase at Lingfield.While reading a newspaper in
the 5.10 p.m. train from London
Bridge Mr. Charles C. Newark, of
Addiscombe-grove, Croydon, col-
lapsed and died.Mme. Adeline Genée, who from
1897 to 1907 was première
danseuse at the Empire Theatre,
watched from a box the "last
night" performance at the
theatre.Mr. E. G. Strutt, uncle of Lord
Rayleigh, was injured by a fall
when leaving an omnibus in
Trafalgar Square and taken to
hospital, but was removed to his
home later.Mrs. Anna Brearley, 80, and
Mrs. Mary Jane Clegg, 58, mother
and daughter, of Whitehall
Street, Rochdale, were found dead
in bed at their home, where a gas
tap was turned on.In spite of three degrees of
frost, women began to assemble
outside a Leeds shop at eleven
o'clock at night to secure sale bar-
gains when the shop opened at
9.30 in the morning.Three Winstons (Durham)
men, fined £5 each at Gateshead
for sealing coal, were said to
have made a shaft 18ft. deep in
Messrs. Priestman Collieries
fields and drawn 140 tons.Sir Herbert Austin, who repre-
sented the King's Norton division
of Birmingham from 1918 till his
defeat in the last election, has re-
signed the position of prospective
Unionist candidate for the divi-
sion.Although an inmate of the
Stoke-on-Trent workhouse, a
young man named Jack Price
succeeded in drawing 18s. a week
for six weeks. He was sen-
tenced to two months' hard
labour.It is announced by the Treas-
ury that the total application for
the Four per cent. Consolidated
Loan reached £209,358,889, of
which £81,298,575 were for cash
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attack comes on. For sale everywhere.The King's Theatre, Gains-
borough, Lincolnshire, was de-
stroyed by fire.An outbreak of foot-and-mouth
disease was confirmed at Mel-
bourne, near Derby.Fire which broke out at St.
Monica's School for Girls at
Burgh Heath, near Epsom, Sur-
rey, destroyed one of the class
rooms.Scotland Yard states that busi-
ness transactions in connection
with the Public Carriage Depart-
ment will be conducted in the new
building at Lambeth.A duck belonging to the village
blacksmith's wife at Chalfont St.
Giles, Buckinghamshire, has
formed a friendship with a collie,
and both sleep in the dog's kennel.The boys of Westminster
Abbey choir and the men of St.
George's Chapel choir, Windsor,
who are going on tour in Canada,
left Liverpool in the Canadian
Pacific liner "Montrose."A Durham county branch of the
National Playing Fields Associa-
tion has been formed.Dr. John Moore Swain, of Long
Clawson, Leicestershire, has cele-
brated his 100th birthday.The South African Government
is to introduce legislation to pre-
vent people flocking to alluvial
diamond diggings on an enormous
scale from all parts of the coun-
try.At an old couples' treat at
Harlow, Essex, which was attend-
ed by 136 persons, of whom the
oldest was 86 and the youngest
61, Mr. R. Cowlin, chairman of
the local council, who arranged
the treat, kissed all the old women
under the mistletoe.A well-dressed man fell from a
platform under an eastbound
train from Hampstead at Euston
Underground Station and was
killed, a card bearing the name
and address, "D. Bishop, 37,
Ellesmere Road, East Finchley,"
being found on the body.Whether or not the cameraman chased these husky dogs over the
countless miles of snow he claims in order to catch them with their
tongues hanging out and out of breath is hard to tell. There is no
denying however that he has obtained an admirable set of pictures.
The victims of the chase are: at the left, "Jeff,"
and "Pang" at the right, two of the seven huskies
of the Chateau Frontenac Dog Team. This team is led by "Mountie"
a veteran with a romantic record of service in the far north, with
the Royal Canadian mounted Police. The above classic canine study
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"father" of Hastings Town Coun-
cil, the oldest alderman and four
times mayor, has died at Hast-
ings, aged 82.A big break-away from the
Australian labour movement is
threatened in consequence of
party differences as to the men
appointed members of the indus-
trial delegation to the United
States.The death in hospital at Cairo
is reported of Lieut. R. C. Free-
man, Royal Tank Corps, son of
Mr. Oliver Freeman, Principal of
Portsmouth Municipal College,
who was knocked down by a
motor-car last month.A recommendation for the
widening of Kensington High
Street, W., involving the closing
up of Ball Street and Burden-
mews, at a cost of £451,550, will
come before the London County
Council.The New Health Society
acknowledges the receipt of
£1,000 from a former patient of
Sir W. Arbuthnot Lane and Sir
Bruce-Forter, who wishes to re-
main anonymous.An Airedale terrier puppy,
which roused a Liverpool family
by barking and enabled them to
escape when fire occurred in their
house was found suffocated after
the fire had been put out.The appointment of Mr.
R. H. Meggeson, deputy town
clerk of Portsmouth, as town
clerk of Barrow, in succession to
Mr. L. Hewlett, resigned, is re-
commended to the town council by
the Finance Committee.The Bolsover (Derbyshire) and
the Sherwood (Notts) Colliery
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000 and £5,000 respectively to
the £50,000 scheme for extending
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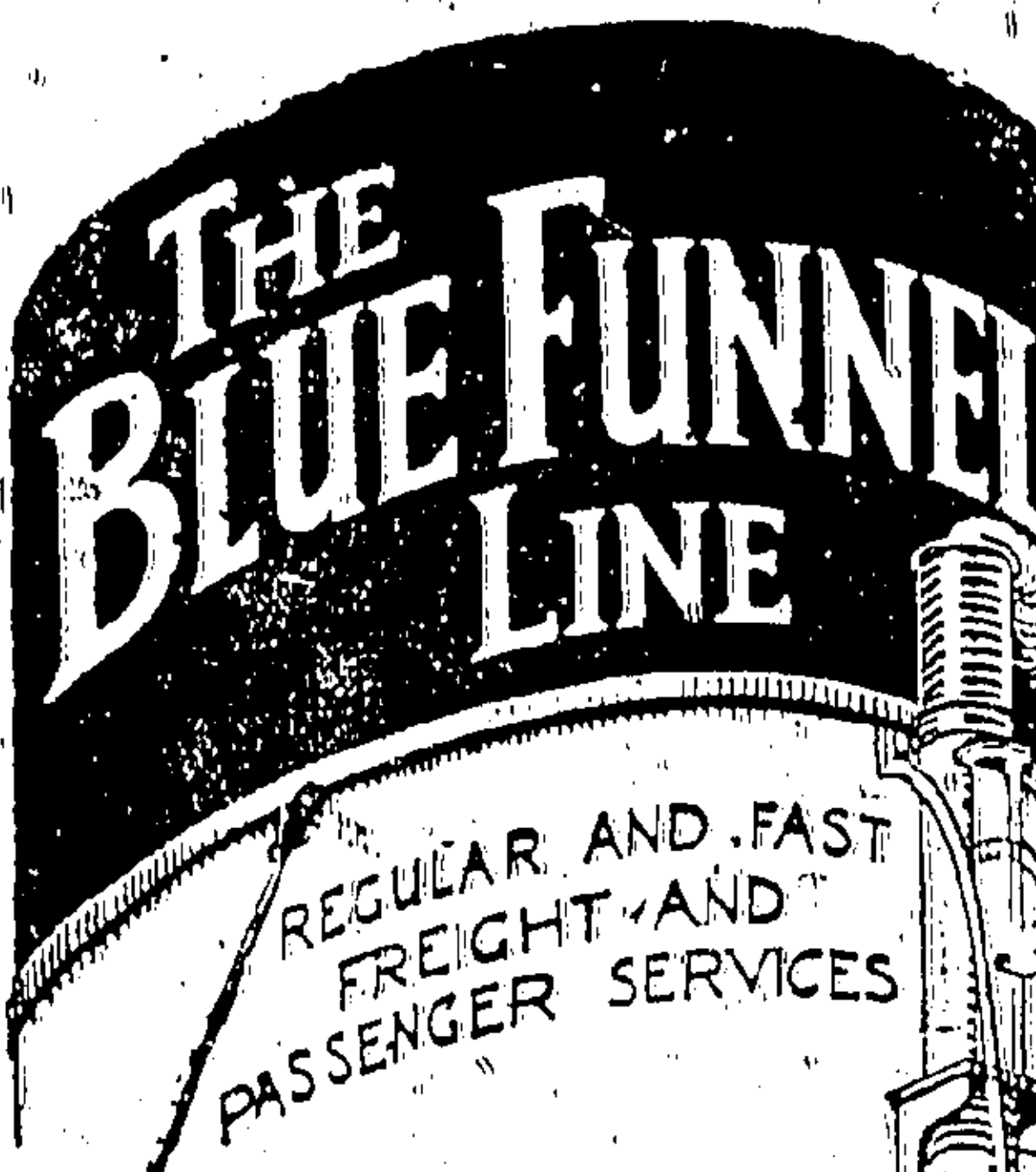
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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per
Amoy	Shirala.
Manila	Pres. Lincoln.
Shanghai	Kitano Maru.
Japan & Shanghai	Kitano Maru.
Sunday, March	13
Europe via Negapatam (letters only, London, 10th Feb.)	Hong Peng.
Monday, March	14
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Taiyo Maru.
Tuesday, March	15
Japan & Shanghai	Porthos.
Friday, March	18
Japan & Shanghai	Mongolia.
Australia & India	Aki Maru.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai	Empress of Canada.
Monday, March	21
Straits	Atsuta Maru.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per
Sam Shui & Wuchow	8
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only).	Kwong Hung
Amoy	2.30 p.m.
Huiphong	Suiyang
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, Europe via Victoria B.C.—due Victoria B.C., 28th March & Europe via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only).	Katori Maru
Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.	2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & Europe via Vancouver B.C.—due Vancouver B.C., 27th March & Europe via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only). Parcels 5 p.m. Registration 9.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.	Suiyang
WEDNESDAY, MARCH	9
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 6th April. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	New Mathilde
THURSDAY, MARCH	10
Straits & Calcutta. Parcels 10 a.m. Letters 11 a.m.	Empress of Asia.
Swatow	Patroclos.
Java via Batavia	Shirala.
Straits & Calcutta. (Parcels noon. Letters 1 p.m.)	Szechuen
Holhow and Huiphong	Tijarosa
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Lai Sang.
FRIDAY, MARCH	11
	Tean
	Hai Ching

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

ANGRY PROTEST.

(Continued from page 1.)

Col. John Ward (Labour) drew attention to the statement of the Washington Government that it had no concessions and no treaties connected with territory in China. Mr. Locker Lampson, in reply, said that this was not a case of treaty at all. The International Settlement was not established by treaty but by certain land regulations which the Chinese Government subsequently recognised as valid.

Asked whether he proposed to take any action against the British General, Sutton who is in charge of the Arsenal at Mukden, Mr. Locker Lampson replied that his information in this respect was incomplete and he was awaiting a full report.—Reuter.

CHINA AND THE LEAGUE.

Mr. Chao Hsin-chu Again To The Fore.

Geneva, March 7.
Dr. Stresemann, German Foreign Minister, speaking in German, presided at the opening meeting of the League Council.

Mr. Chao Hsin-chu, who attended, made a statement to the Press denying that China intended suddenly to raise the question of the international situation in China.

Dr. Wellington Koo, Peking Foreign Minister, had instructed him to notify Sir Eric Dymond, Secretary General of the League, that the Chinese Government reserves the right to answer the British Government statement made on Feb. 2, but Mr. Chao Hsin-chu has hitherto not been instructed by Dr. Koo.

He adds: "Our attitude is conciliatory and our demands are very legitimate, since we ask nothing, nothing but the non-infringement of our sovereignty and territorial integrity."

Reuter's correspondent learns that Mr. Chao Hsin-chu feels easier now owing to the confidence expressed in him by the Cantonese delegates in Europe which was not the case at the Council meeting in December.—Reuter.

BRITISH TROOPS.

"Fine Tribute by Shanghai American."

In the pleasant entertainment provided by St. David's Society, Shanghai, at their national dinner, an outstanding feature of the evening was the speech made by Mr. Stirling Fessenden, Chairman of the Municipal Council, in reply to one of the evening's toasts. The speech presented to the large number of guests in attendance a definite statement of the feelings of what is undoubtedly the large majority of Americans in China at the present time.

After a suitable reply to the compliments of the occasion, Mr. Fessenden declared how great a pleasure he felt in being able to join in the welcoming of representatives of the British Army and Navy who were present at the dinner. "When I saw the first British troops march through Shanghai, I said 'Thank God, they're here,'" Mr. Fessenden remarked with deep earnestness which was reflected likewise in the hearty applause greeting his remark.

The Lion's Paw.

In continuing his expression of American sentiment in the Far East, the speaker said that it was greatly to be regretted that the two English-speaking nations should not be working hand-in-glove at the present time in China. That these national policies could not be said to be following the same course of action, was due in the speaker's mind to the large number of Americans in the States who did not understand the seriousness of the situation here. An old and harmless pastime was often indulged in by Americans of twisting the British lion's tail to hear him roar. Sometimes of late the lion had seemed to roar in the wrong place. But now the old lion's paw had come down with a resounding thump which could be heard through the length and breadth of the country, and Americans were thankful for it.

American Clubs' Fine Action.
Mr. Fessenden's remarks may be said to be further borne out by the recent conversion of a portion of the Columbia Country Club in Great Western Road into billets

RUPEE BATTLE.

What Will the Ratio Be?

TWO DAYS' CONTEST BEGINS.

New Delhi, March 7.
The battle which began in the Legislative Assembly to-day over the rupee-ratio question promises to be a very hard-fought two days' contest.

Nobody is able to guess the result as the forces appear to be absolutely evenly divided.

Sir Basil Blackett, Finance member of the Executive Council of the Governor-General of India, in a speech, declared that the 16d. rupee would cause financial panic, all round dislocation of business, enormous losses and economic discontent.

He remarked that whatever arguments might be for or against immediate stabilisation at 18d., the alternative of immediate stabilisation at 16d. was entirely out of the question.

It was entirely unthinkable that we should suddenly and arbitrarily decree a depreciation of eleven per cent. in the value of every rupee, every currency note and every title to money in India.

If there is a choice it must be between stabilising at 18d. now and not stabilising at all at present.

Unless we stabilise now at 18d. we shall undo what has been done and we shall have to begin all over again.

The Pandit Malaviya declared that India really wanted a gold standard and a gold currency. He strongly advocated the 16d. rupee.

Sir Victor Sassoon also advocated the 16d. rupee as the best permanent ratio for India.—Reuter.

Later, The House agreed to consider the rupee ratio Bill and adjourned.—Reuter.

for the Gloucester units which are guarding the railroad area in that vicinity. At the present time a section of the gymnasium of the clubhouse, which has been used for tea-dancing every Sunday afternoon through the winter, is being used as billets for from 200 to 300 men who find comfortably heated quarters and the necessary arrangements there. Before the billets were moved into the gymnasium, the new section of the club now under construction was utilised.

In the same connection the American Club in Foochow Road has made arrangements to mess 150 officers of the Shanghai Defence Force. An additional large room is also available at the American Club and will be put at the service of the forces should the need arise as more troops come.

SPLIT GROWS.

Increasing Kuomintang Dissension.

Hankow, March 7.

Further evidence of the split in the ranks of the Kuomintang was afforded in a speech by General Chang Kai-shek at a mass meeting at Nanchang on the occasion of the inauguration of Li Lieh-chun as Governor of Kiangsi. General Chang declared that Communism was only one method of economic development. It may be adapted to the conditions of some countries, but would prove fatal to China. Communism would mean the downfall of China and revolution.

It is noteworthy that General Chang's attitude to foreigners has been most friendly. He assured the foreigners of Nanchang of absolute protection and also issued a proclamation urging the Chinese to preserve foreign friendship and give them all safety.—Reuter.

Lull in the War.

Shanghai, March 7.
There is a lull in the military situation. Both sides are bringing up reserves in the Soochow area. Northern reinforcements continue to pour into Nanking.—Reuter.

Shanghai Tension.

Shanghai, March 7.
Labour organizations continue working feverishly in an effort to assist the Nationalists to gain control of the city. It is believed that labour is solid for strike.—Reuter.

A "NOISY" HARBOUR.

REGULAR FERRIES ALTHOUGH THICK FOG.

Dense fog in the harbour to-day led to the continued shriek of sirens but, in spite of the difficulty of visibility and cautious progress, ferries ran to schedule. The density of the fog is indicated in the jump from the registered humidity of 81° (yesterday) to 100° (to-day).

Weather Forecast.

Weather forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow is: "Light, variable winds; generally overcast."

Pressure has increased over N.E. Japan. It has decreased considerably over S.W. Japan and N.E. China, moderately over the Loochoos and slightly from Formosa to Hong Kong.

The anticyclone is moving towards N.E. Japan. The Yangtze Valley depression has moved into the Yellow Sea.

Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches. Total since January 1, 2.81 inches, against an average of 3.80 inches.

MOTOR ACCIDENT INJURIES.

Knocked down by a motor car on the main road, Tai Kiu Village Ao Tau, a Chinese was yesterday taken to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from injuries to his legs. In swerving to avoid the man the car collided with the bridge and damaged the cement railing.

MOTOR CAR HITS RICSHA.

While Mr. W. E. Nicholson was proceeding along Queen's Road East yesterday afternoon, a public motor car, collided with his ricksha. Mr. Nicholson was thrown out but fortunately not injured. The car went on without stopping.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 1/11 13/16

NOTICES.

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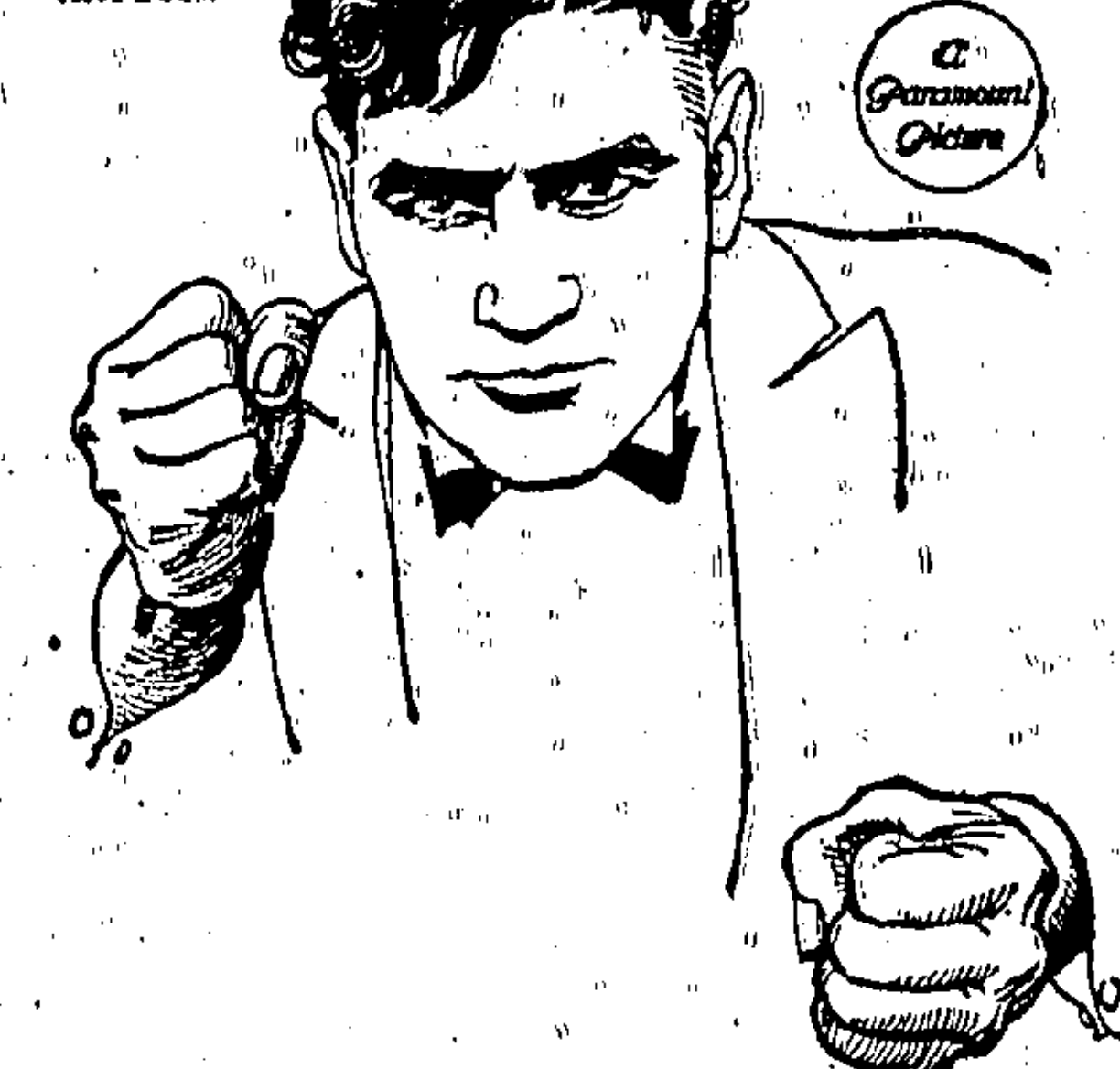
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